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Liner's Rough Trip

New York, Mar. 22.—The Queen Elizabeth docked on Friday after the worst battering she had experienced "in years" according to her captain who added that the passage was completed without "even breaking a teacup."—Associated Press.

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BEVIN'S PLAN FOR THE NEW GERMANY

Decentralised Govt. System Proposed

Moscow, Mar. 21.—Mr Ernest Bevin proposed to-day the creation of a decentralised governmental system for Germany in which the powers of the central government would be limited.

The British plans submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers coincided in most respects with the general plan submitted of Stuttgart last autumn by the then Secretary of State, Mr James Byrnes, for a "United States of Germany." It is completely opposite to the strong central government which the Soviet's Vyacheslav Molotov proposed.

Mr Bevin proposed the division of powers between the central government and laenders (State governments) and to vest all powers delegated to the central government.

The central government would have executive and legislative responsibilities essential to secure 1. Political unity, naturalisation, immigration and foreign affairs.

2. Legal unity, such as principles of criminal law.

3. Economic unity, customs and foreign trade, communications and transportation.

4. Financial unity, such as currency and powers for banking co-ordination.

Mr Bevin proposed that for the central government there should be a President and two chambers—one representing the nation as a whole and the other separate laender.

The chamber representing the nation to be popularly elected, for initiating central legislation.

The chamber representing the laender would be the most powerful. It would be elected on equal representation for each laender. Its main concern would be legislation, taking mainly into consideration the interests of the laender. It would have absolute veto on constitutional matters and dispensary veto on all other legislation.

LIMITED FUNCTIONS

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Big Tax Cuts Proposed

Washington, Mar. 21.—The Republican Congressional Steering Committee to-day approved a 30 percent income tax cut affecting 20,000,000 Americans with net earnings of less than \$1,000 a year and a 20 percent slash on taxes on all other income groups above the \$1,000 level to \$300,000 annually.

If the House and Senate approve, the GOP would like to make the tax cuts retroactive to January, though the Taft wing wants it effective from July 1.

The Steering Committee decided to send the bill under closed rule barring amendments, and thus Congress would be called on to vote on this bill as it stands, or none.

The Ways and Means Committee received the tax bill to-day and debate may start next Wednesday with a vote on Thursday.—United Press.

SEARCH GIVEN UP

Honolulu, Mar. 22.—

The United States Navy abandoned

as hopeless the sea and air search

for the 12 crewmen who aban-

doned the tanker Fort Dearborn

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Associated Press.

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EDITORIAL

Salaries Commission

APPOINTMENT of the Salaries Commission for the specific purpose of establishing new rates of pay for all Hongkong public servants is certain to bring a sense of satisfaction to those whose livelihoods are affected. And there will be no genuine protest from the general public, notwithstanding that any increases must be met out of general revenue. It is now a widely held view that better working conditions for our civil servants is a good cause, and warranting approval. Initial congratulations go to the Government on its success in persuading Whitehall that this particular problem must be tackled by a locally-appointed commission. There was, at one time, a danger that the Colonial Office would despatch "experts" from England, whose inability to appreciate comparative living-costs might well have ruined the purpose of their mission. Furthermore, any such Commission would have involved a long and aggravating delay before effect could be given to recommendations. Instead, the Hongkong Government has been permitted to appoint its own Commission, fully conversant with existing conditions, permitting them a broadminded approach to the subject.

On face value the terms of reference appear to be fair, although there are two paragraphs that check first enthusiasm. The first calls upon the Commission to con-

Russian Pressure On Turkey

Disclosures By Dean Acheson

Washington, Mar. 21.—The Acting Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, said to-day that Turkey needed American aid to bolster its defences against such "external pressure" as the Soviet Government's insistence upon participating in the defence of the strategic Dardanelles.

Acheson told Representative Karl Mundt that the Turkish armies have had to remain in a state of semi-mobilisation for several years. He said this has been a severe "budgetary strain" on the government. He said the Turks are not worried about "internal bands of guerrillas." Their worries stem entirely from "external pressure," he added.

Mundt asked Acheson to decline this pressure, then added: "Or should I make it? The Congress and the people do not have access to classified documents and I would not reveal anything to them. But having visited Turkey a little over a year ago I know directly what that pressure is."

It was at that point that Acheson defined the Soviet demands for participation in the defence of the Dardanelles as "external pressure."

MYSTERIOUS BLACK BOOK

Acheson also promised to reveal publicly the information on Greece and Turkey contained in a mysterious black book given to members of Congress.

Acheson also said that "other claims" have been made against Turkey by the Soviet Union and various Soviet republics. Mundt told Acheson that he thought he knew why "we are being asked to go into Turkey. The fundamental reason is that the Soviet neighbour to the north is conducting a war of nerves and is pressing for a favourable decision on the Straits and certain eastern provinces. The Turks are maintaining this huge Army because of the war of nerves. Is that a fair statement?"

Acheson said he did not want to comment on that—but he conceded that the maintenance of big army strained Turkey's economy. Mundt said Greece was entitled to US\$105,000,000 reparations from Italy and US\$45,000,000 from Germany under the peace treaties but Acheson said when these funds would be paid was in the "speculative" stage.

The Committee chairman, Charles A. Eaton, previously said he demanded the secrecy about the State Department's "black book." The Committeeman, Robert B. Chipperfield, turned his copy of the black book back when he found that the State Department had placed restrictions on it.

Acheson told Eaton that the book contained certain "classified" information intended only as a background and did not constitute official State Department statements. He said this would be explained to the press when the book was available. It was learned that the State Department is preparing the book for release to the press.—United Press.

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KAI TAK FIRE

Prompt action by an RAF fire patrol prevented a more serious blaze at Kai Tak early this morning when two three-ton tenders—one, a 110 Squadron mobile office, and the other belonging to Shell Mex Co. and converted to office use, caught fire close to the airstrip.

The blaze was discovered at 1.45 a.m., and so effectively did the fire patrol deal with it that nearby domestic accommodation remained untouched. The chassis and cab of the Shell Mex vehicle survived the fire, but the RAF mobile office was extensively damaged.

Cause of the outbreak has not yet been established.

Asia Economic Commission

Chiang Expects U.S. Loan

Hongkong Included In Its Activities

Nanking, Mar. 22.—

A high Kuomintang official reported to-day that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek told the party leaders that he confidently expected financial aid from the United States, and the money would be spent for national reconstruction and not to fight the Communists.

Last December President Truman said a united democratic China was of utmost importance to world peace.

Mr Truman also said a US\$500,000,000 credit would be granted to China when she has established a united democratic Government.

Obliquely referring to the capture on Wednesday of the Chinese Communists' capital, Yenan, Generalissimo Chiang said that recent events showed that the Chinese Communists could be beaten.

The Generalissimo did not mention his war plans.

An informant said Generalissimo Chiang stressed China's foreign policy which he termed "perfectly correct" toward the Soviet Union. That was a reply to the Rightist who had charged that Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh had a Russia—"Associated Press.

The compromise provided that the Committee draw up terms of reference immediately but word them in such a manner as to leave open the way for subsequent elaboration or change.—United Press.

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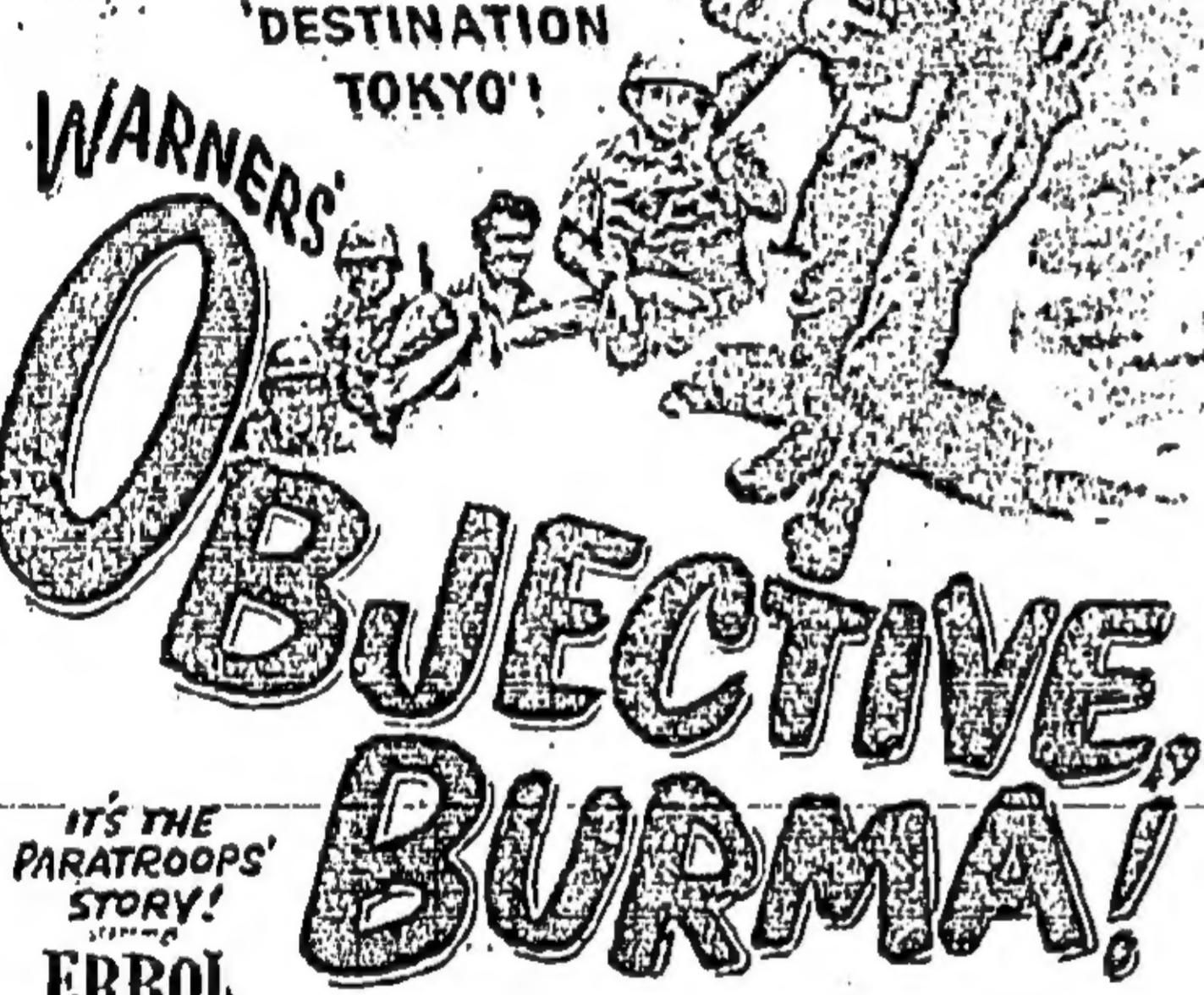
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FILM & PLAYERS

Running Round In Hollywood

BY LEROY MARCH

APPARENTLY Betty Hutton has it in mind that her expected youngster had better become President of the United States. She's having the not-yet-here little one's nursery patterned after that at Mount Vernon, George Washington's old stamping ground.

HARRY Davenport, who has been in show business for 70 years, and in pictures for more than 30, has at last settled down. He's given up renting his residence in Hollywood, and has bought himself a home. "I guess pictures are here to stay, and I'll probably be staying with them," Harry observed.

THIS most recent suit for divorce which Kathryn Grayson filed against John Shelton makes the ninth. This one will differ from the preceding eight in that it probably won't be called off at the last minute on account of reconciliation. Kathryn's now much like love with Johnny Johnson, and Shelton is terribly more than casually interested in Gail Russell.

JOSE R. Goula, who went to Mexico in 1936 to evade the reach of that man in Spain who didn't like him, Patricio Francisco Franco, and who has established himself as one of the Mexican Republic's outstanding chartered actors, has been lured to Hollywood by an important featured role in RKO's "Honey-moon," starring Shirley Temple.

COULD be that there might be something wrong with the screen story: "Stallion Road." First, Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall declined to do it. Then Eleanor Parker declined the female lead. And now Andrea King has done ditto. Apparently the only persons on the Warner lot who are in favour of the story are the Bros. Warner and Ronald Reagan, with the latter so far having signified his willingness to do the top male role.

MARTHA Vickers and Director Freddie De Cordova are very much like love indeed.... Linda Darnell and Husband Peve Marley off to Chicago to adopt a baby boy.... Mickey Rooney has purchased a new home in San Fernando Valley, right next door to Clark Gable's place. Mickey's Ma will live in the house he had before he went into the Army.... Lana Turner has a date to go to Brazil.... Tyrone Power bought Director Henry King's plane.... You'd better wager that Bob Hope will ask June Haver to marry him—and that she'll say Yes.... Barbara Stanwyck recovering from an illness of several weeks duration.... Will Rogers Jr. will ride his father's favourite horse, "Sop-suds," in the pictures based on the life of Will Sr.... That recently Torrid Little Laddie Steve Crane romance already showing signs of suffering from frigidity.... Jacqueline Dalya and Jockey Sammy Remnick a more than casual twosome.... A picture is being forwarded to Bing Crosby in "A Connecticut Yankee...." Producer-Director Lee McCarty trying to get Van Johnson to do the part Jim Stewart wanted in part of "Adam and Eve".... Turhan Bey wasn't able to make it at the preview of his picture, "One Night in Paradise," Reason: Bey's in the Army; and the Army had ordered him off to Guam as an entertainment director just one day before the picture was screened.... By the time you read this Sabu will probably be minus one appendix.... Ida Lupino's sister Rita and Enrique Vidale have called off their feud and have rejoined as a dance team.

HE KNOWS HOW TO FENCE



Cornel Wilde, seen on the right here in a scene from "The Bandit of Sherwood Forest," is an expert fencer. He was reported recently to be practising for a place in the United States fencing team for the 1948 Olympic games. He plays the part of Robert of Nottingham, son of Robin Hood, in the picture, which is now showing at the King's.

FAIRMASS AUSTRALIAN NURSE'S FIGHT



The real Sister Kenny (right) is photographed with film star Rosalind Russell, who plays the part of the famous Australian nurse in the picture of the same name, now showing at the Queen's. Nurse Kenny's long years of work have brought relief from suffering to many victims of infantile paralysis.

Film Star Myrna Loy On The Bobby-Soxers

By PATRICIA CLARY

United Press Staff Correspondent
Myrna Loy sticks up for the bobby-soxers. She says they're manifesting the spirit of the suffragettes, even if they don't know it.

Cinema Guide:

SHOWING TO-DAY

QUEEN'S—Sister Kenny.

KING'S—Bandit of Sherwood Forest.

CENTRAL—Behind the Rising Sun.

ALHAMBRA—Uncle Harry.

NEXT CHANGE

QUEEN'S—Dolly Sisters.

KING'S—The Magic Bow.

CENTRAL—Parachute Battalion.

ALHAMBRA—The Merry Monahans.

CRIME NOT EASY TO FILM

It's not easy to enact a murder in box office terms.

Proof of the difficulty encountered in performing celluloid mayhem was evidenced during the making of "Uncle Harry." The film is coming next week to the Alhambra.

Poison plays an important part in the George Sanders-Geraldine Fitzgerald-Ella Raines film. Rehearsals started on the sequence. Miss Fitzgerald spoke the line naming the poison.

"No, no," interrupted Director Robert Stiodmak. "We can't mention a real poison. We're calling it Oxadon of Iotane."

Now that particular compound is much harder to purchase than cigarettes, because Oxadon of Iotane just doesn't exist.

The fictitious deadly poison is a mere "stand in" for a censorship taboo.

NO SLAVERY

The sloppy costume, she thought, was a defiance of the ridiculous and expensive bits of nonsense the girls see in fashion magazines. And she didn't blame the girls for rebelling against fashion slavery.

"Some of these modern outfits leave me speechless," she said, pointing out a young lady in bobby-sox, dirty saddle shoes, overalls and a man's shirt flapping almost to her baggy knees. The girl was an extra in her latest picture, "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer."

"I wonder what future generations will say about that outfit," she mused. "Just the same thing we say about pictures of the bloomer girls, who thought they were so darling, I suppose."

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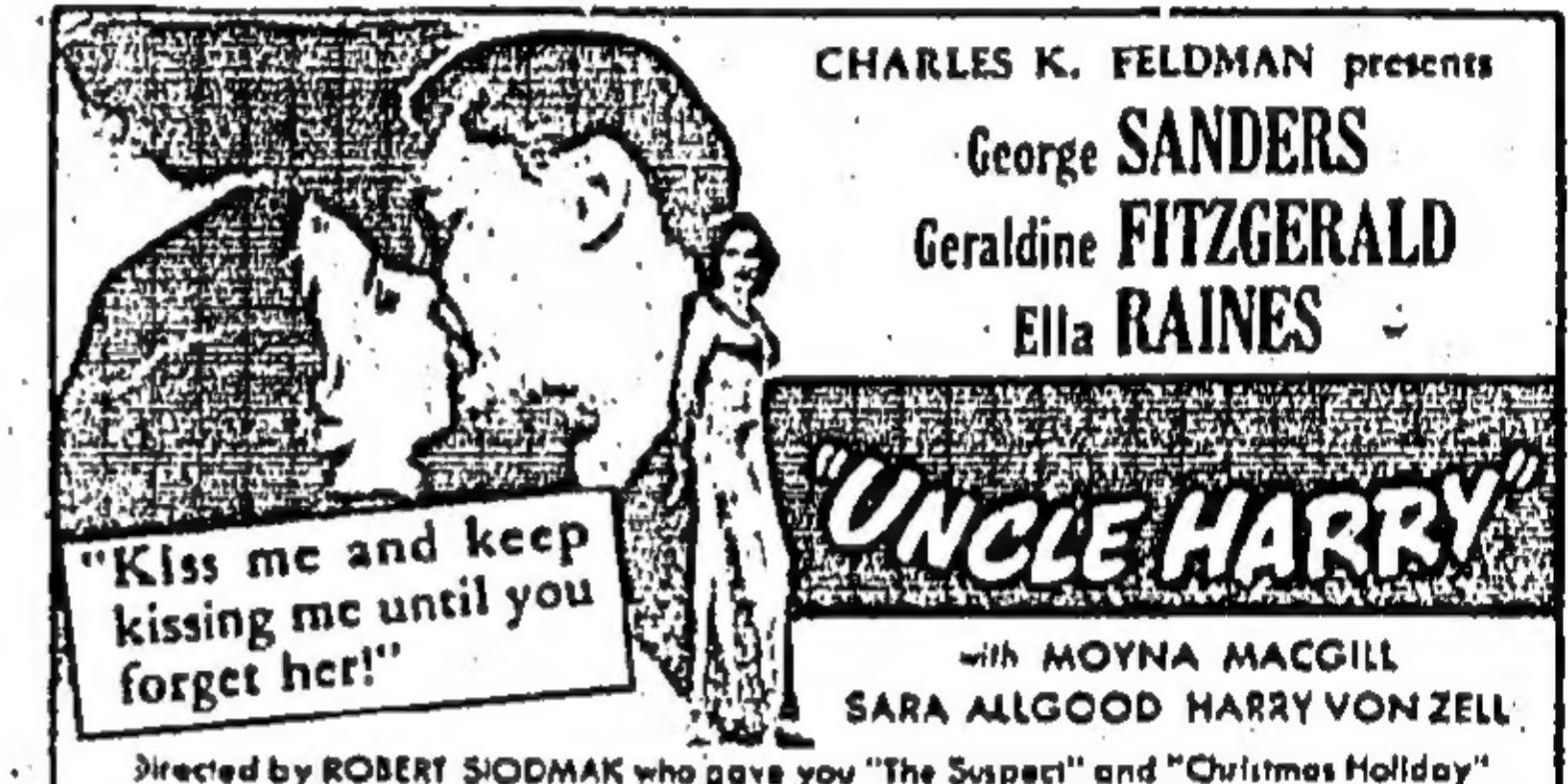
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PAGE FOR WOMEN

Glamour a la Mode

BY QUIZ

ABOUT a century or so ago "a shining morning face" was an ideal of beauty and to achieve a satisfactory glow the rustic belle used to grease nose and face with fresh country butter in order to dazzle her admirers.

But that shiny face would make her a wall flower to-day.

So fashion changes . . . and so fast nowadays, that modern woman has to be a quick change artist to keep abreast of the mode.

Delving into history, Madame can go all Grecian in the morning, have the smoky sulkiness of Mata Hari in the afternoon, blossoming out in the evening in Edwardian or Victorian exuberance, and be in the height of fashion all round the clock.

Some popular fashions have been a little too drastic. The Bon crop, for instance, had the disadvantage of typing a woman in the role of a sophisticated choirboy until her hair grew again—and it was not a particularly glamorous role either.

FILMS and stars have a tremendous influence on modes and manners. A spate of period films will be responsible for rage in off-the-shoulder frocks that are prevented from revealing too much by nothing more apparent than will power.



Very bare barebacks are not so fashionable, now that Jean Harlow has gone; but before the war they used to get quite dangerously low.

Marlene Dietrich sacrificed glamour to the grotesque, when she started the craze in which the fashion devotee plucked out the natural eyebrows and painted a Mephistophelian substitute a good inch above where nature intended them to be—achieving a look of satanic surprise not unlike to live with!

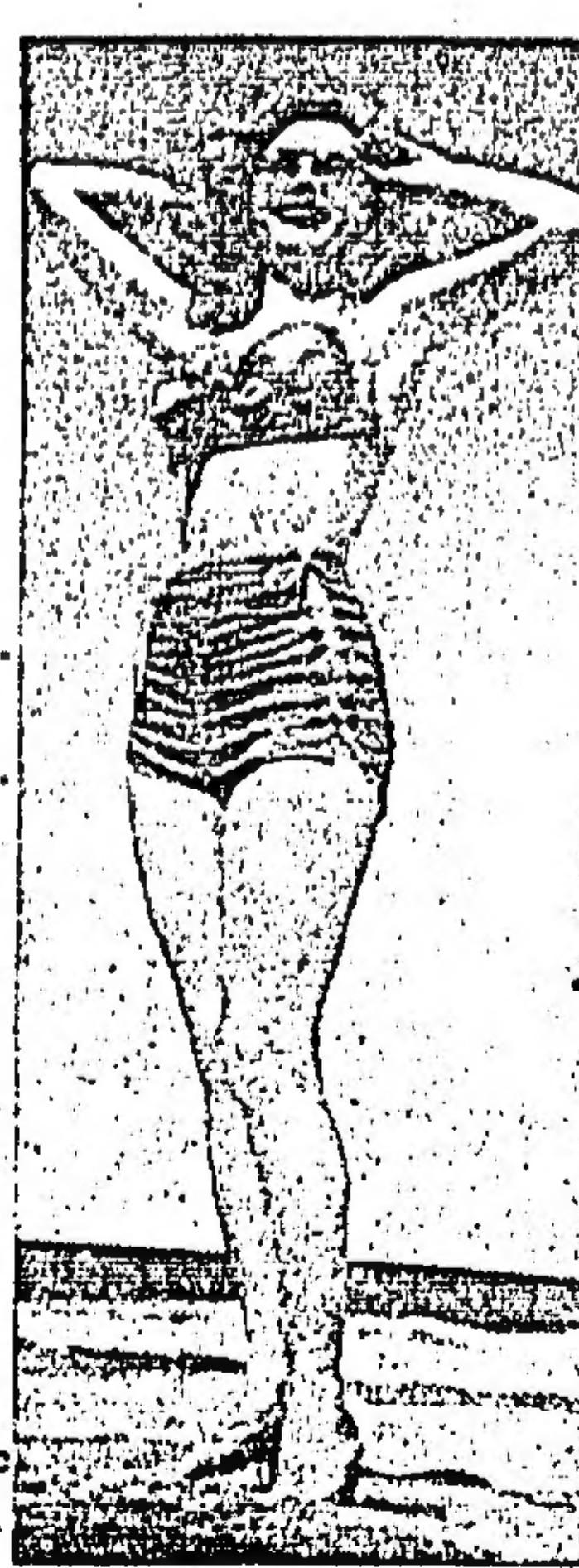


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PATRICIA LENNARD'S FASHION PARADE

illustrated by
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INTERCHANGEABILITY is a long word for the short cut to dress sense.

Build your wardrobe round a theme so that every item goes together with the rest of your clothes.

Actually, this is something you began doing six years ago, stretching your wardrobe by judicious selection and not by quantity buying. You have to do this. You should do it now and in the future—as a habit.

Choosing as basis a dress and jacket from the recent first collection by Wallace, here is an all-the-year-round wardrobe which any woman can have made up to suit her purse; you yourself can add other items—sweaters, blouses, a top-coat—or combine the clothes hide in different ways to suit yourself.

Colour plan

Our colours for this wardrobe are emerald green for the jacket, black and white for the frock. Try primrose, dark grey and white, or pink, yellow and white.

Basic outfit centred in the two-piece sweater and skirt dress, and odd jacket. The long-sleeved sweater is in black and white striped wool jersey, worn under a matching skirt. Knit an unpressed pullover, trim fullness to your taste, wear the heavy wool box jacket in vivid emerald, practical because of its plain unfinished lines.

Here is your nucleus. Now let's start building.

Top right: Wear the striped sweater top over a plain black skirt. Accessory: with narrow scarlet or tan leather belt, a silk shawl. Out of doors, slip on the jacket.



Bottom right: For easy living wear the sweater and jacket over emerald slacks—black slacks if you are bashful or broad in the beam.

Bottom left: Achieve a short cut to glamour by wearing the striped skirt over a plain black sweater and three-quarter-sleeved sweater.

Swathe a wide emerald cummerbund round your waist, pin it in place with an old-fashioned gold hippin, knobbed at each end.

Top left: For a formal evening, dine and dance in your plain black sweater and huge white satin full-skirted fullness all round in unpressed pleats.

Again, you can accessorize this outfit—let pencils or gold at the neck, or a wide and glittering belt. Add a wide emerald green pocket top to the outfit again coming and going.

BALANCE & GRACE

By PRUNELLA STACK

(Lady David Douglas-Hamilton, director of the Women's League of Health and Beauty)

ALL enlightened systems of physical training for women are based on the knowledge that the outcome should be grace, poise, and beauty of physique, and, with these ends in view, the acquisition of a sense of co-ordination and balance is emphasized.

How can these be achieved? Undoubtedly the best way is never to lose the natural grace with which one is endowed as a child. Young children possess an unselfconsciousness, a power of relaxation, and a suppleness which are the cornerstones of grace. It is only later in life, when the tyranny of desks begins to round the shoulders and the strain of competition tightens the nerves, that the child's natural grace and freedom of movement become stunted and damaged.

By encouraging good posture, so that it develops as a habit, and indicating a "health sense," the wise parent can do much to help a child retain grace as a lifelong possession.

I mentioned the fact that children are naturally unselfconscious. This is the secret of grace. Much physical awkwardness is due to

mental awkwardness or maladjustment. And yet the mind and the body are so closely inter-related that the problem can be tackled first from the physical side, which will then react on and improve the mental attitude.

The ideal to be aimed for is that action, when it is required, should be smooth, not jerky or tense, and that the body when at rest should be relaxed.

Women who constantly fidget with their hands show outward signs of inward tension, and the antithesis of repose. Try to relax completely between movements, and you will build up a fund of energy and also develop an important foundation of grace.

Balance is another necessary ingredient of grace, and there are several simple exercises for improving balance which, if practised every day, will also help to develop co-ordination of the body and grace. Here are some:

1. HEEL-RAISING. Standing with toes and heels together and feet straight, raise the heels off the floor, pressing them closely together. Lower again. Eight times. Hold on to a support at first if necessary.

When you can do this quite easily, without a support, with both feet, try it on one foot alone, holding the other foot on the floor.

2. TAILOR. Holding with one hand on to a support, raise both heels; then bend the knees, keeping them together, until they are fully bent and you are sitting on your heels. Keep the body straight throughout. Gradually straighten the knees again, returning to the starting position. Do this first with a support and later without.

3. SIDE STRETCH. Try with a partner the exercise pictured, starting from an upright position, then leaning away from your partner to the fullest extent possible, and finally returning to the upright position. This is an excellent test for balance and grace.

Test yourself next time you sit down and see which method you follow. It is by checking up on such simple everyday actions that bodily grace can be improved. And once you know that you are performing these actions with the minimum of effort and the maximum of efficiency, your self-confidence,

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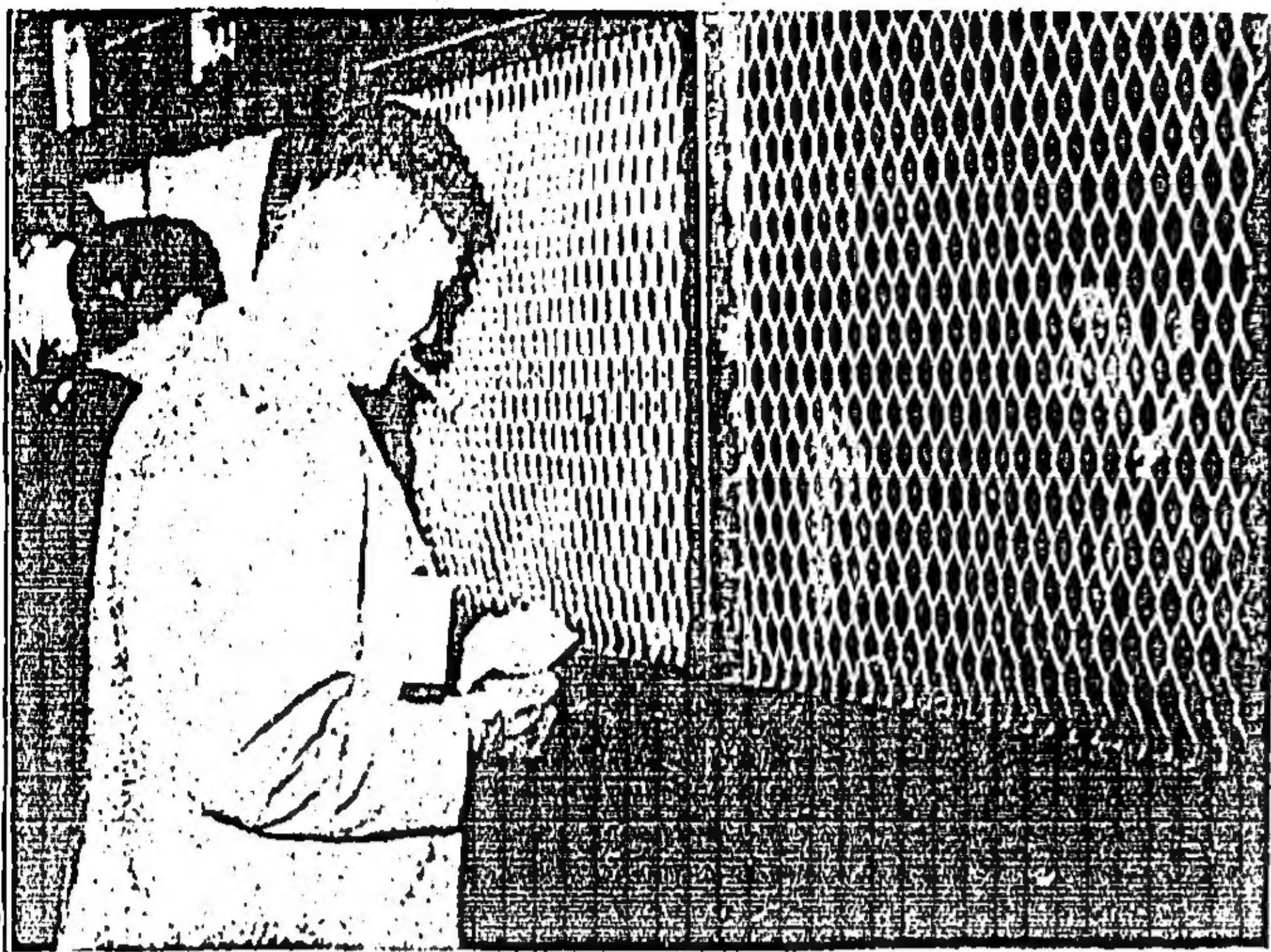
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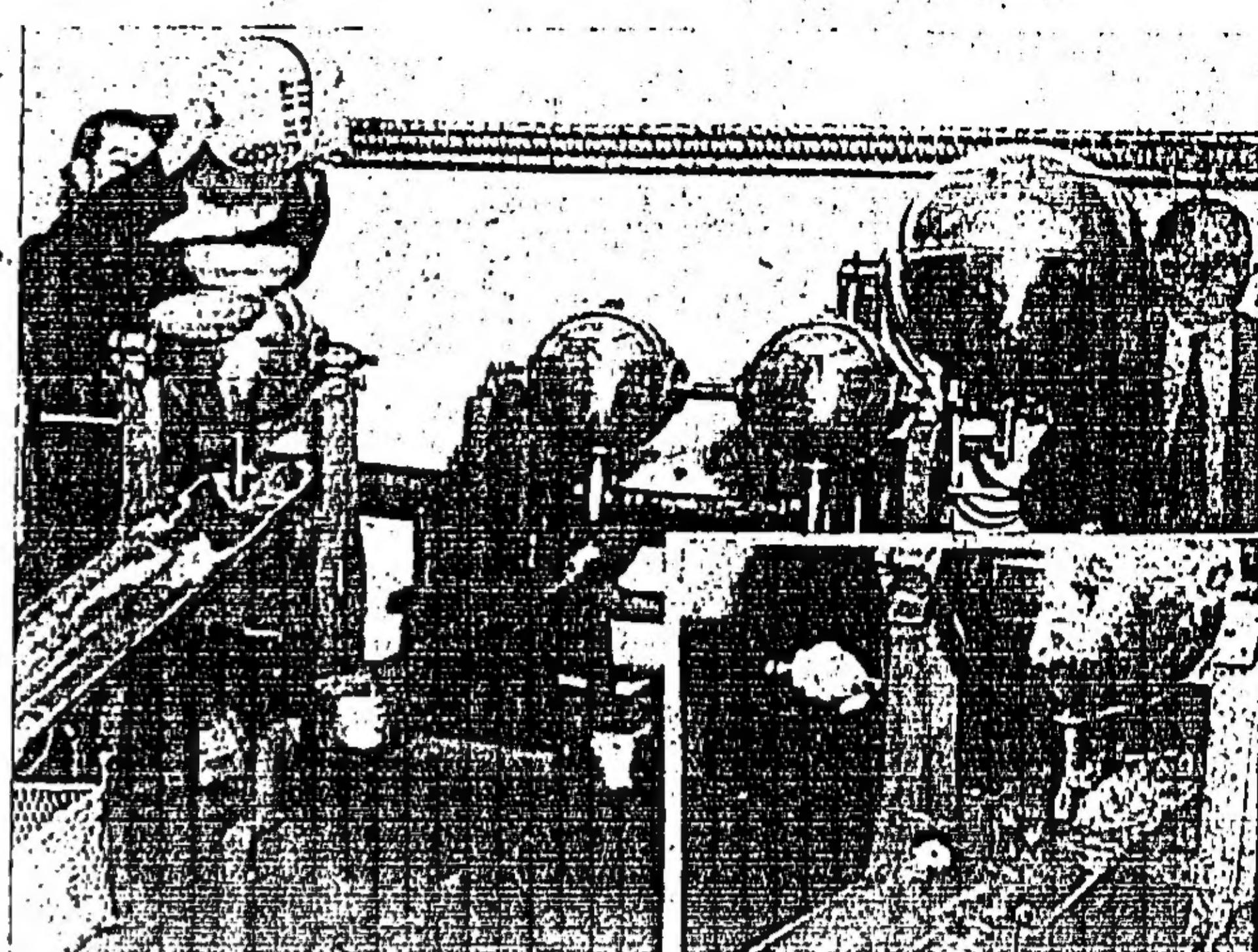
A \$2 OFFERING TO LADY LUCK



1. This is where it starts. You part with your two dollars and walk away with a ticket—and a silent prayer. This picture was taken last Saturday at Happy Valley during the third extra meeting. Tickets for the big sweeps are also sold at the Jockey Club offices in Exchange Building. A through ticket, costing \$16, gives you a chance on every sweep of the day on the same number.



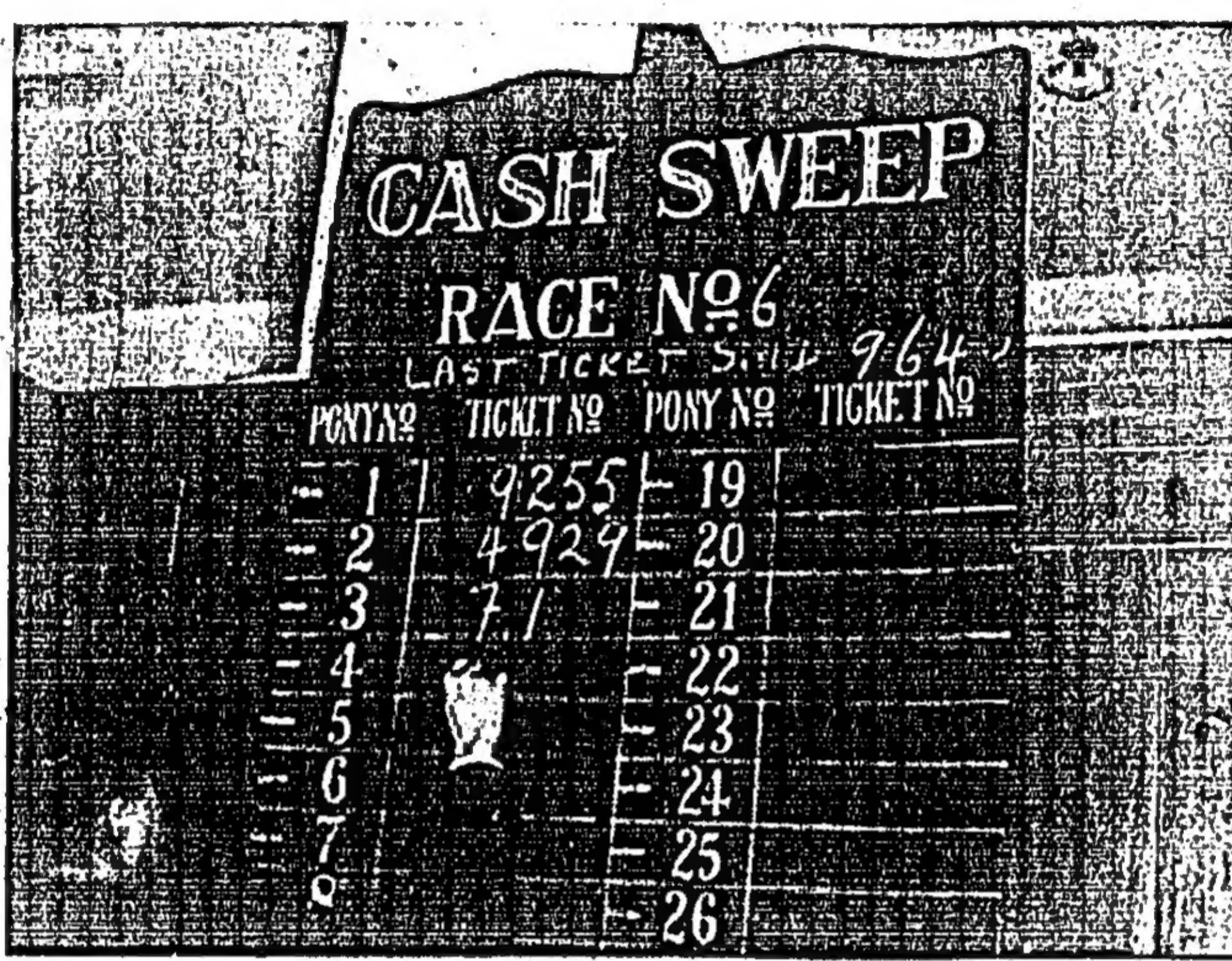
2. The sale of tickets is stopped 10 minutes before each race is due to start. Jockey Club officials then check the numbers of tickets sold, and settle down to some fast arithmetic to work out the values of prizes. This is part of the organisational work that the public does not usually see. Mr. B. J. Bailhache, who is in charge of cash sweeps, is here seen with an assistant working out the prizes.



3. This is the most important—and exciting—stage of the proceedings. The tiny marbles which the man is putting into the drum at the left bear the numbers of the ponies starting in the race. When one number is drawn, two other marbles, each bearing two digits, are drawn from the smaller drums in centre foreground to represent the lucky ticket number. Inset shows a marble being drawn.



4. The drawing takes place on race days in the Public Betting Enclosure, in full view of the public. As each number is drawn, it is held up for all to see, and the official in charge also makes it known audibly. Each drawing is usually witnessed by a small crowd. When big sweeps are drawn, however, interest is intense and there may be a huge press of people.



5. As each number is drawn, it is marked by another official on a blackboard against the number of the corresponding pony. The lists are typed and posted at convenient notice boards in the stands. Have you won? If you have, you may either receive your prize money on the spot or collect your cheque at the Jockey Club offices in town at your leisure. Well, good luck!

Clerk, taipan, banker, foki, hawker, tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor and, of course, amah—they and the many thousands like them are responsible for the popularity of the Hongkong Jockey Club sweepstakes. Their individual little "plunges," at two dollars per, amount in the aggregate to millions of dollars annually. Not a little of the success of the cash sweeps is due to the organisational efficiency of the Jockey Club officials. There is a lot of work involved in the operation of the sweeps, as you can imagine, but everything moves like clockwork.

Government derives considerable revenue from this source. From the gross receipts on each sweep, it takes 25 percent in betting tax. The money remaining after the Jockey Club's authorised commission has been deducted, is then applied to prizes: 70 percent for first prize, 20 percent for second prize and 10 percent for third prize, after standard prizes equal to the number of unplaced starters have been allowed for.

(Photos by Ming Yuen)

BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP (in Chicago) REPORTS—

• The Americans have made a deep study of how to waste time efficiently.

• Their privately-owned telephone system is one of the wonders of the Universe.

• When it comes to the world's worst cooks, they've got the Empire beaten.

They think Britain is fading out

IT is a somewhat shattering experience to arrive in Chicago at seven o'clock in the morning after travelling all night in a communal Pullman sleeping coach, with a strange woman in the upper berth, and a hermetically sealed train maintaining an average temperature of 98 degs. and an average speed of 60 miles per hour.

I hasten to add that the strange lady and I did not travel in our enforced intimacy without proper chaperonage. Some 20 others shared the dormitory-like democracy of what is regarded as first-class travel in the U.S.A.

All mechanised

ON the advice of a taxicab driver I went to the Palmer House, a vast hotel where everything is so mechanised an alien that stranger from England feels like a bowler-hat in the great lounge there is mechanised music, even at 8 a.m., which is constantly interrupted by a loud-speaker informing us that Mr. Bert Goldberg is wanted on the telephone. All symphonies, not merely Schubert's, are unfinished in this hotel.

The barber shops are hard at work shaving, manicuring, and above all cleaning the shoes of Chicago's mankind. The strange and likeable people of the U.S.A. have made a deep study of how to waste time efficiently.

Armed with the Chicago Tribune, I advanced upon the dining room, a magnificent affair, and hardly sat down when a dainty little negress approached, and said: "A Demi Tasse?"

He forgot these

SO much for Mr. Kermit Holt. Another pen might have found some slight nobility in our cathedrals, our Houses of Parliament, perhaps even in our bomb scars, to make London worthy to rank with Chicago, but we would be wise to ask ourselves if there is not point to some of his comments.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

XIRICO! What will they say next? Here is a French doctor claiming that the sound of the violin is good for the liver.

But the best thing for the liver is a good laugh, and the violin is no laughing matter, unless the doctor was thinking of the music-hall performer in a tall coat, a kilt, a torn collar and a broken celluloid shirt-front hanging outside his crooked waist-coat. If I suffered from liver I should engage a big girl to play the trombone at me. None of your dainty misses. No dalliance or boudoir stuff. Germaine, if the Baron calls, serve the Poppleton's British Port Wine. Tell him I am out hunting and will be back shortly. He knows I am a keen follower of hounds."

"And what hounds ma'am? There's the captain, Mr. Jimmie Buckram, Count Ventilope, Commodore Knivete. Mr. Eddie Ga—Enough, Germaine, I hear the Baron's footfall. You may go."

Hail, 'cello, well met

A RICH rasta, to whom somebody pointed out Kreisler at a party, shouldered his way up to the great man, and said loudly: "We just ordered your newest model. A fine car." And an equally rich merchant, when his wife bought a violin for their daughter, cried: "Surely, Mabel, we can afford something bigger than that! Get her a 'cello. And from this it is but a step to the man who found his Louis XV. too short for him, and told his secretary to get the next size, Louis XVI, on approval."

We seem to have wandered a long way from wherever we were, as the actress said to the stockbroker, who led her into the middle of the maze at Hampton Court and told her that his wife didn't understand him.

But the most interesting thing in the newspaper was its soberly written leader entitled "No Turning Back."

This dealt in unprejudiced words with the decision of His Majesty's Government to introduce a Bill to plan all new real estate developments without fair compensation.

From this the Tribune argues that the nationalisation of Britain is proceeding at such a reckless pace that even if the Government are defeated at the next election the Conservatives would be forced to become a Socialist Government, since the eggs cannot be unscrambled.

They are kind

IT is a strange and not altogether happy experience to be a roving Briton in America just now. The kinder the people, the more overwhelming their warmth and friendliness have no limits. But those of us who are not point to some of his comments.

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SILENT KILLERS OF THE BORNEO JUNGLE

by TOM MARSHALL

Tom Harrison, soldier and explorer, was parachuted with seven others into Borneo in March 1945 to raise a guerilla army and harass the Japanese who had occupied the island. Operating from Borneo, they swiftly collected hundreds of men whose chief weapon was the deadly blow-pipe.

BY May 1945, from our headquarters up in the rich Shangri-La tableland of interior Borneo, our tentacles reached far out in every direction, softly creeping around the unsuspecting Japanese on the coasts.

We had several hundred organised blow-pipers, and a whole nation ready to co-operate when required. Yet the Japs remained peacefully unaware of it.

When at last arms began to come in by plane three or four times a week, the hill tribes became almost overwhelmed with .303 rifles, Brens, Owens and Austens, carbines, two-inch mortars, pistols and silent-flier weapons, grenades and phosphorus bombs.

Natives quick to learn

OUR guerilla troops, naturally, had no knowledge of such tricky things. Apart from a few shotguns owned by the rich upper classes the marchants of Western civilisation have passed by Central Borneo and left no trace.

But the speed with which these people acquainted themselves with modern weapons was extraordinary.

In half an hour an illiterate Kelabit, knowing nothing of mechanics, could learn how to strip and assemble a Bren gun. It took me a fortnight to learn how when I was a private!

To master little things like sub-machine-guns and pistols was for them often a matter of minutes.

And the trouble they took to keep their weapons clean! The danger always was that a man would clean and polish his rifle to pieces.

Before D-Day in June we staged several special raids to collect Jap auxiliaries for intelligence, but we avoided any regular Jap post, or anything that would make the Japs suspicious of what was going on.

One raid gave great pleasure to our own forces and caused terrible frustration among the Japs. For we captured a party of top-line dancing-girls going to a Japanese banquet for a very important visiting officer.

After D-Day we had a "Yellow Slave" group which specialised in snatching Japanese women. They made good jungle charwomen.

Although our native troops proved to be brilliant at mastering the handling of our arms, they were morons when we started them shooting.

Ridiculous Jap Mistakes

THE inland people celebrate death, in fact everything, with marathons drinking parties. They consume oceans of rice wine.

On this occasion the old chap arrived home and found, to his indignation, all his ladies gloriously drunk, feasting on the last of his pigs and fowls.

During the whole eight days he had no proper food, and had to eat his way right across the great jungle ranges.

Yet three days later, having drowned his troubles in pork and wine, he was back on service.

The ambush, the slit-throat, or jungle-shadow sniping unnerved the Japs most.

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As we armed more and more natives, over a larger and larger area, leadership became correspondingly more important.

Each group of guerrillas became personally attached to a particular officer or N.C.O. of our irregular parachute force. Strange brigadiers made nothing in their lives.

Any sensible white man can control such tribes provided he does not shout at them or throw his weight about and is honest and straightforward.

The idea that a white man among native peoples must always show his superiority is out of date and absurd.

Some of the chaps that were parachuted into my command started off with this arrogant point of view. They very soon changed it.

I have spent a lot of my life among native peoples in Borneo and other parts of the world.

As a result I'm sure the best way to get on anywhere is to behave as the natives do.

Respect their manners and observe their customs. If you do sensibly you automatically have prestige and control, because they regard the white man as richer, stronger and more clever than themselves.

You actually gain respect if at the same time you can fraternise—learn to dance their dances, sing their songs, drink their chicha under the bamboo thatch.

The basic law of Borneo society is this: The best man is the last one to pass out!

Aussies' are fine soldiers

I HAD never had much to do with Australians before. Like any good Tommy—as the Aussies call us—I had been brought up to think that the Tommy was the finest soldier in the world.

There are no finer soldiers than the Australians. Their greatest quality is initiative. More difficult to discipline than the Tommy, this makes them all the better for leading others.

When things got really hectic, I used to see Australians dropped to me by parachute.

Some, like Corporal Sterlony, had never dropped by parachute before, and volunteered for the job without training.

After only an hour's briefing I would send each one of them off, with a bunch of native troops, to hold a remote pass, or to contain a Jap post 100 miles away over the mountains.

They hardly ever failed to make a job of it.

On my side, I always knew that I had done a decent job by a Digger if he ended up by calling me "Sir."

Bosses aren't officially recognised in Australia. Any Aussie officer can take it as a compliment if he is called "Sir." For an Englishman, it is a positive bouquet.

The only serious defect of the Australian soldier is his time-obsession. Ever in the midst of plenty he would rather have tinned ports and beans than fresh.

The calmest soldier I know, ultra-tough Paratroop Sergeant Nibbs, once, and only once, to my knowledge, got into a panic when we were in a difficult spot with some Japs.

After we had sorted out the frantic whirlwind of his neurosis, it turned out he had lost his tin-opener!

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4th Extra Meeting Importance Of Draw For Positions

(BY "THE TURF")

For the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held at the Valley this afternoon, an attractive programme of eight events has been arranged by the Hongkong Jockey Club.

In a programme of eight races, half are over short distances, the results of which will depend to a great extent on the start. I would recommend a careful study of the draw for positions as it is obvious that getting off to a good start in races of this kind is a matter of paramount importance, in which case upset can be expected.

Lo Wu Handicap—(One Mile)

The curtain rises with this event confined to ponies of the Hongkong Services Race Club. In this mile distance the best pony will again be Jackie with G. D. A. Gregory up. In his last outing weighing 108-lbs he proved to be a hard pony to beat and I think he will avenge his defeat against Nigger this time. It would appear that it has the best recommendation for a win. The distance should suit Jackie very well. If Nigger can take the lead I think it will stand a good chance of winning. Mayfair (Parry) is another pony to be watched and is capable of creating an upset, as it is quite at home over this distance. There is also Moses to be considered as he is a stayer and might cause an upset.

Coolgadio Handicap—1st Section (Six Furlongs)

This is a race for sprinters of "C" Class, and judging from last performances Red Fox it taken out by G. L. Gregory will do better this time and a win here is quite possible. Strong opposition should come from Arabian Moon and Happy Valley.

Beaumaris Stakes—1st Section (About 1 mile 171 yards)

This race will be contested by "D" Class Ponies, and the first three to pass the post should be Souvenir (Yuen), Blue Peter (Hodgman) and Eastern Diamond (Newman). Jinx with C. L. Gregory will be very dangerous and is worth an outside bet. Other probable starters are Airfield (Sadie), Happy Season (Rowlands), Hostile Witness (Ching), Jadestone (Mull), Sunny and Normandy. The last-named is coming out for the first time.

Bonoba Handicap—(About 1/2 mile 170 yards) 1st Section

Expectations of a close and exciting finish should be witnessed in this race and will be no easy task to pick the winner as several good ponies are included in this section of "B" Class. I believe however, that the finish will be fought out between Kim, Lily and White Dragon with Elmer to be considered as an outsider. The other remaining entrants are Royal Commission and Thunderbolt.

Wattle Park Handicap—One Mile "A" Class

Only five entries have entered for this mile event of "A" Class ponies. Non Queen (Ostromoff), Derby and Champion winners at the Annual Race Meeting, suffered its first defeat at the hands of Daisy Bell at the last meeting, but I cannot see how it can be beaten again. Air Born (Black) has no concession of nine pounds from Non Queen, and if given a runaway start, might cause an upset, otherwise it will be very difficult to beat the champion. Sookunpoo (Woo) 140 pounds and Jeop Lee (Hodgman) 137 pounds will find the weight very much to their advantage, and will be going all out to win this event. The other starter is VJ-Day.

Coolgadio Handicap—2nd Section (Six Furlongs)

In this event for the second lot of "C" Class ponies, a good race is expected. Canary (C. L. Gregory) is long overdue for a win and if he gets away to a good start should be prominent at the finish. Crown Witness (Ching), Midnight Express (Woo) and National Congress (Chiu) should be worth following as any of these three ponies are capable of winning.

Bonoba Handicap—2nd Section (About 1/2 mile 170 yards)

This half mile 170 yards race is the second batch of "B" Class ponies and the finish will be very close. The selections are Cooper, Lucky Strike and Woodonga. It is also worth betting \$5 each way on Speedaway as an outsider.

Beaumaris Stakes (About 1 Mile 171 yards) 2nd Section

This race will wind up the day's programme, in which Fifth Alarm (Black) although beaten at the last meeting, should again be prominent at the finish. The pony is more suitable for this distance, but in view of the opposition, it should not be fully extended, except perhaps, by Emperors Gata and Koko (Hodgman) which should be placed. Tootsie may be worth following as an outsider. The other entrants are Burge (Ostromoff), Flying Wheel (Pearl), Golden Wheel (Mull), National Hero (Chiu), Rosebud and Peggy. The last-named will be on view for the first time.

SPORTS FEATURES

WEEK-END FOOTBALL

Sing Tao v. S. China The Pick Of A Fine Programme

(By SEE TEE)

To-morrow's second meeting of the premier Chinese clubs, Sing Tao and South China crown a most interesting week-end soccer programme, for this afternoon there are four First Division games in all of which the sides are unusually well matched.

Of to-day's games three are the club's second meetings in the first league competition, while the all-Services occasion at Sookunpoo where 42 Commandos are opposed by 27 Field Regiment is a most attractive fixture.

Sing Tao and South China last met in a Division I game on Saturday, November 2, on the Yau Ground: Sing Tao won 4-1. Tomorrow is another league match: Sunday, March 30, will see them meet again in the Governor's Cup Final. On form Sing Tao are favourites. Their record is more convincing than South China's: they have been beaten once only this season. 1/3 Commandos lowered their colours on October 12. Apart from a couple of severe frights, C.A.S.C. upset their equanimity and 42 Commandos nearly ran up a 3-0 lead before losing—Sing Tao have won most of their games with plenty to spare.

It was C.A.S.C. who surprisingly beat South China five weeks ago. Apart from that and their defeat at the hands of Sing Tao, South China have themselves continued in the winning way, but with a difference. They have acquired the unusual reputation of being outstandingly slow to settle down; sometimes they have taken nearly 25 minutes to get off the mark. Once in their stride, however, South China are a force to be reckoned with.

TO-DAY'S BIG GAME

If the Saints are able to field their full eleven (and I hear there is every chance that their Macao men will be available) the pick of to-day's fixtures in their meeting with the R.A.F. at Caroline Hill. These two sides had a grand game at their last meeting in November. The Saints knocked up a 2-0 lead which was levelled by two good goals from "Junior" Beech in the second half. In the last few minutes of a most exciting match Rocha scored the winning goal for the Saints. Mr Ip, who is refereeing to-day's game, officiated at the previous match, stepping into the breach when the appointed referee failed to arrive in time.

Kwong Wah, who are the guests of the Club this afternoon beat them in their last meeting 4-1. The Club had a good game with Eastern last Saturday and were a little unlucky to lose; they will certainly give Kwong Wah a run.

The Chinese Amateur Sporting Club had no difficulty in beating the Navy 4-1 on December 17, for the sailors made the Amateurs a present of two gift goals before the game was five minutes old. They were the result of misunderstandings: last week the Airmen collected two of their six goals against the Navy through such defensive lapses. It was Heggie and Wills, both of whom have left the Colony who combined well to let the sailors' solitary goal against Kwong Wah.

WATCH THE GOALKEEPERS

Two of the best goal-keepers in local football should be on view at Sookunpoo this afternoon where 42 Commandos meet the 27th Field Regiment. Craske of the "27th," of whose prowess I hinted last week, played a great game against Sing Tao on Sunday. Sing Tao won 4-0; the final score might well have been eight or nine but for Craske's great play. If Powell appears for 42 Cdo and the two forward lines are on the target, Sookunpoo should be a most lively place this afternoon.

It is interesting to note how live-wire forwards have blossomed forth in recent weeks. Goldthorpe, who was doing so well for 45 Commando, as leader of the attack, played many games on the wing in the early season; the same is true of Ford, though I still think he is a better wingman than a centre-forward. Sewell, who is doing so well at the head of the R.A.F. attack has played well both as an inside and as an outside man.

It is not so many weeks ago that Humble was playing as an inside forward for 45 Commando and with some success. Team changes necessitated a re-shuffle and Humble turned out with good results, as wing half. Many spectators at the Memorial Cup final wondered at Humble's failure to produce his usual form. The reason was that he was a complete misfit as a full back. The forward strain was always evident in Humble's half back play; for in addition to doing a lot of fetching and carrying for his forwards he would often join in their up-field movements for a crack at goal.

OVERWORKED BOXER

The death of Italian lightweight Federico Cortonesi, who died following a fight in Genova, appeared to be another case of boxing's occupational hazard—overwork. Cortonesi suffered a nervous collapse last fall which was blamed on the fact that he fought 11 bouts in nine months. The Swiss Boxing Federation completely absolved his opponent, Georges Vignes of France, from any blame in the death. Vignes is known as a hard fighter who is willing to take a lot of punishment for the sake of giving a win. He was French champion in 1937 and has lost only 23 times in 203 fights.—United Press.

Irishmen For The Walker Cup?

Britain's Walker Cup selection committee has included names of four top-notch Irishmen among golfers chosen to compete in the final trials for the Walker Cup squad to meet the U.S. at St. Andrews on May 16. This marked the best indication to date that the Royal and Ancient Club admit Irishmen as eligible—a question that has caused a lot of grey hairs for the selectors.—United Press.



SPORTS DIARY

TO-DAY

Soccer—1st Division

Caroline Hill—St. Joseph's v. RAF, 4.15 p.m.
Club—Kwong Wah v. Club, 4.15 p.m.
Sookunpoo—42 RM Cdo v. 27 Field Regt RA, 4.15 p.m.

Second Division

Military—3 Cdo Bde HQ v. HK Chinese Cadre, 4.15 p.m.
Military—RAMC v. 1st BN Devons, 2.45 p.m.
Club—Club v. HK Signal Coy, 2.45 p.m.
Navy—Navy v. Kit Chee, 2.45 p.m.
Caroline Hill—HK Land Forces v. South China, 2.45 p.m.

Cricket

KCC—KCC v. HKCC, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

Soccer—1st Div.

Club—Sing Tao v. South China, 4.15 p.m.

Second Division

Club—Sing Tao v. Kwong Wah, 2.45 p.m.
Navy—Dockyard v. Police, 2.45 p.m.
Navy—44 RM Cdo, v. 307 Coy, RASC, 4.15 p.m.

Cricket

KCC—KCC v. HKCC, 11 a.m.

Lawn Bowls

KBGC—KBGC v. Zetland Lodge, 3.30 p.m.

Football

Recreo—Portugal v. India, 2.30 p.m.; China v. America, 4 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY WIN FOR BRITAIN

An Ice Hockey team representing the United States has recently been making a tour of British ice rinks. The visitors played a series of nine Test Matches against a team composed of British-born players and other players with a qualification of five years' residence in Britain. The standard of the play was generally high, and of the nine matches played, five were won by Britain, three by the United States, and one match was drawn.

OPPOSITION TO OPEN TOURNEYS

The U.S. Lawn Tennis Association reportedly will instruct its delegates to the International meeting at Paris on March 21 to oppose any move made to recognise open tennis competitions between pros and amateurs. The All-India LTA is expected to offer such a proposal.—United Press.

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Joe Baksi Prepares For Big Fight

Woodcock To Face Tough Opponent

BY BOB MEYER

London, Ray Arcel, trainer of Joe Baksi and one of the fight business' "gentlemen," believes Big Joe and Bruce Woodcock will be staking their careers on the result of their important fight at London's Harringay Arena on April 15.

"It is definite that no opponent will be chosen for Joe Louis until after the Balsi-Woodcock bout," said Arcel, who is a straight-shooting talker and impresses all who meet him as one of the nicer guys in the industry.

"It's almost certain that the winner will meet Louis in June," Arcel said. And as a trainer, he is taking no chances that Baksi will not be in peak form for Woodcock to earn a crack at the world's heavyweight championship.

Arcel and Manager Nat Wolfson have selected a training camp at Brighton, on the coast due south of London for Baksi to get into shape for the British champion.

"Billy Sinclair's training camp," Arcel said, "and I know it's good without even looking at it. Gus Lesnevich trained there and did it very much. Billy takes good care of the American fighters, and it's a place where Joe can relax without having this constant fist-pounding and bickering you find around gym."

THE OCCASIONAL EGG

It is rumoured that Sinclair manages to turn up a legal egg or two for his fighters occasionally, and in rationed England, that's point to be considered.

Bksi, Arcel, Wolfson and Mrs Baksi landed at Southampton on February 13 on the U.S. American and stepped ashore to find themselves in the midst of England's worst winter in living history. Temperatures had reached a 77-year low and the Ministry of Fuel had invoked a 100 per cent power cut for five hours per day. As one wag remarked: "It seems as though folks have carried enough coal to Newcastle."

But Baksi & Co. aren't letting conditions bother them. "Of course, I'm sorry about conditions here," says Arcel. "We always were treated swell here and we take things as we find them and like it."

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Baksi greeted well-wishers in a fancy stateroom suite aboard the America with a handshake that contained a shock. It wasn't simply the husky boxer's grip that hurt—he wore a small blazer on his finger which spins a sharp point against the victim's hand. This old trick caused Joe to laugh loudly each time, and even after potential handshakers knew their fate, they went through the ordeal bravely.

Next Joe showed off his disappearing coin trick. He placed an American dime, penny and a twenty-five cent piece in the "stooge's" hand, then made the dime disappear.

The secret? The dime is thin and the one side is copper-coated instead of silver. It sticks to the penny and they appear to be one coin.—United Press.

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How Much Do You Know?

(Answers on Page 10)

1. How long has archery been practised?
2. What is the date of the first recorded use of an anaesthetic in surgery?
3. How long do salmon live?
4. Name the English poet who was called "The Poet's Poet."
5. Name the second largest continent.
6. What was the ancient name of Palestine?
7. Love birds are members of what bird family?
8. Which will float in water, a stale egg or a fresh one?
9. Who was the "Beloved Disciple"?
10. How many times has France been invaded in the last five centuries?
11. Name two islands in the English Channel that are famous for breeds of cattle bearing their names.
12. What country is supported entirely from taxes on gaming tables?
13. Who conceived the idea of using mercury in thermometers instead of alcohol?
14. How does a cat wash its face, by rubbing its paws against its face or its face against its paws?
15. Where is the Luxembourg Palace?

Luftwaffe Planned To Fly To United States

Once top-secret, the activities of the Royal Air Force Special Duties squadrons are now common knowledge, but interesting reports have now come to light which show that the Luftwaffe also had its special duties units.

These units were all controlled by Kampf-Geschwader 200 (K.G. 200) and the more ambitious schemes prepared included an attempt on the life of Marshal Stalin, the planning of a flight to the United States and the dropping of subversives in Arab countries.

But there were also units connected with the operation of radio-controlled and rocket-propelled missiles. In fact, during its short existence K.G. 200 carried out many unorthodox operations in which aircraft could be used.

It was first formed early in 1944 under Colonel Heigl and was later commanded by Colonel Baumbach, prewar stunt flier from which full details of the activities of these units became available.

First move of Colonel Heigl was the incorporation in K.G. 200 of the Gartenfeld Gruppe, an organisation

which had previously been carrying out agent-dropping. And a suicide squad was immediately formed for operations with glider-bombs and rocket-propelled missiles.

By far the most important and most interesting section was the unit which carried out the agent-dropping behind many war fronts. There were four flights used, each one specialising in different ranges and different areas and each with its separate code name. The peak month for German agent-dropping was July 1944, when more than 280 persons were planted behind Allied lines, and over an eight-month period altogether more than 600 men and women were landed.

One of the last assignments given to the units was the evacuation of VIPs from burning Berlin. After this they tried to find 1,000 radio operators for underground work with the Werewolves, but this plan failed miserably.

New Technique In Candid Photography

PARIS.—One impact of the recent Peace Conference which has left a lasting mark on Paris is the work of a photographer, Gjon Milli. Considered by far to have produced the most outstanding pictures of the Conference, M. Milli's technique had long fascinated the visitors, including the principals, before many people had seen his work.

Behind that technique and therefore present in the idea he conceived and developed was Prof. Harold Edgerton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

M. Milli is a native of Albania, was brought up in Rumania, went to the United States and entered M.I.T. in 1923 to train as an electrical engineer. Professor Edgerton was one year ahead of him and they (Edgar Snow) (Living China) became friends.

LIGHTING EXPERT

Upon graduating in 1927, M. Milli went to the Westinghouse plant in Pittsburgh as a graduate student, then transferred to the company's lighting laboratories in Bloomfield, N.J., as an electrical engineer, specialising in lighting. In that faculty lies the main key to his work.

Professor Edgerton, meanwhile, had become fascinated by the possibilities of high-speed photography for research purposes, registering myriad kinds of action so that it could be studied. He found that artificially lighted photography aroused much interest because of this very high speed light idea. Ordinary flash bulbs which, flickering steadily, annoy both principals and spectators, average about one sixteenth of a second in light duration. M. Milli's gas flash, now using xenon instead of argon because its colour is more like daylight, lasts only one ten-thousandth of a second.

As M. Milli puts it, it is not really a flash but only an "inkling of light." It is practically invisible to the human eye.

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"Why doesn't the fellow ever take a picture?" reporters would ask. For M. Milli would move around, with four sets of lights, setting them up and sighting through his camera but with no flash being apparent.

The result seemed to be one long series of rehearsals without actual "shooting." Yet M. Milli, at such an event as the Evatt press conference took some 30 exposures.

"INVISIBLE" FLASHES

He set up one set of lights to illuminate the door to "get" people going in and coming out, one on Australian Minister for External Affairs Herbert V. Evatt himself and two set to pick up the audience. With control switch on his camera, he could move about and study for the expected moment and photograph it—and all without anyone being conscious that he had accomplished his endeavour.

Soon the onlookers began to learn of what had been going on about them. And when the pictures appeared, there was no question but that the lighting engineering approach to photography had scored. M. Milli was asked to set up a widely acclaimed exhibition of his work in Paris, which he did under sponsorship of Jean Paul Sartre, founder of the cult of Existentialism.

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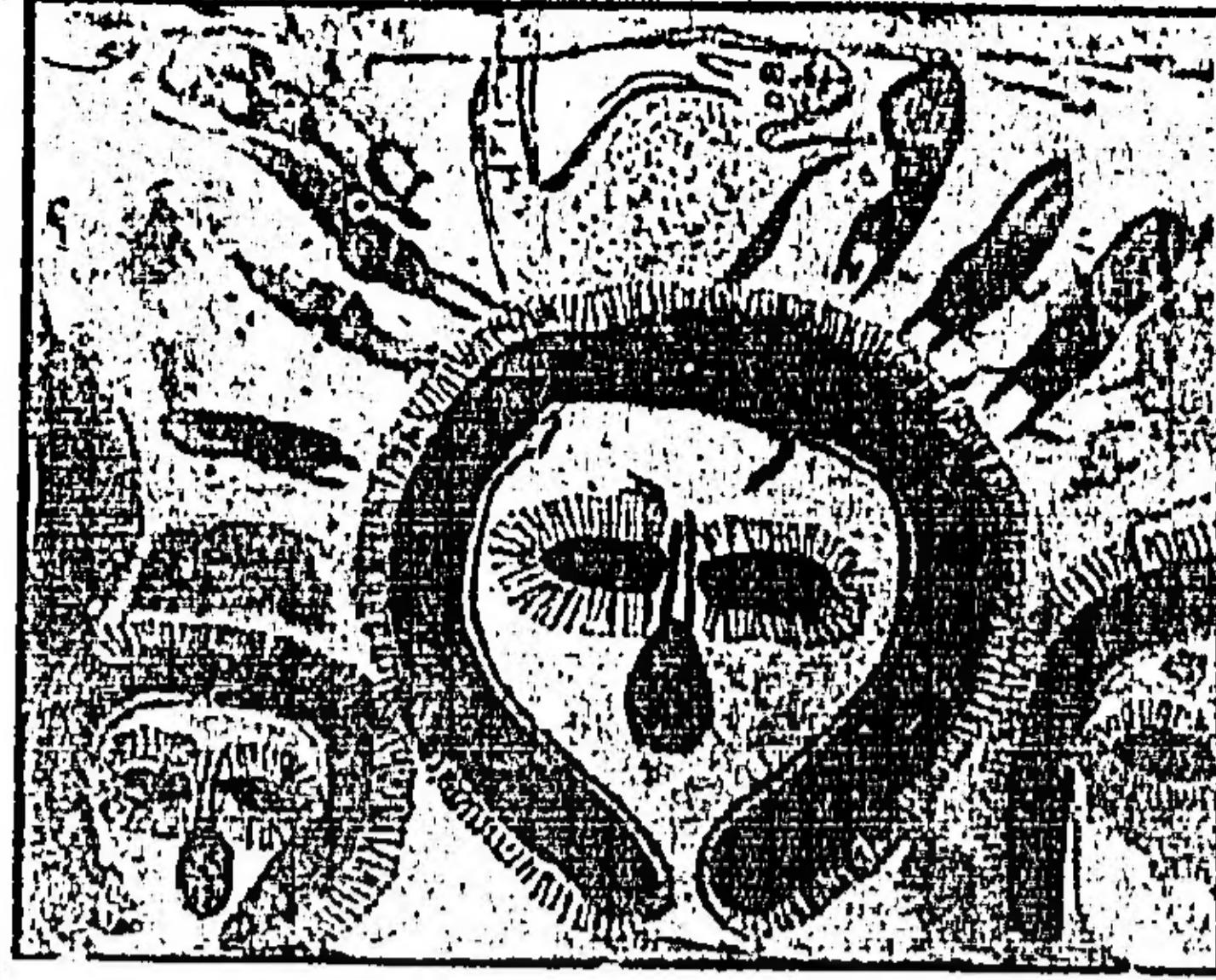
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PORTRAIT OF A WOND'INA



A Native art show comes to London

By WILLIAM GAUNT

HOW does the Australian aborigine rank as an artist? The question arises after seeing the exhibition of native rock paintings at Australian House.

Are they, let us say, as good in their own weird way as those of Picasso—or Paul Klee?

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TRAINING FOR OLYMPICS

So keen are athletes at Cambridge University to get places in Britain's Olympic team, when the Olympic Games are held in London in 1948 that, when their ground was snow-bound recently, they swept part of it clear and continued practised runs and jumps.

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College For

Housewives

The women's institutes in Britain are to have a college for housewives. It was decided in 1945 at the annual general meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes to attempt a type of educational experiment through country women, inspired by the Danish People's High Schools.

A house has been found—Marsham Park, Abingdon, Berkshire—which will be named Denman College, in tribute, to the Federation's first Chairman, Lady Denman, and in recognition of her 20 years of service.

It can accommodate 30 students, but as soon as the building situation permits it is hoped this accommodation will be increased to 60. The College will be pleasantly furnished and country housewives, during their studies, will be given a rest from housekeeping in comfortable single or double rooms. In order to make the College available to members of all income ranges, charges will be kept as low as possible.

They Think Britain Is Fading Out

(Continued from Page 6)

too sincere, perhaps too naive, to hide their belief that Britain is sinking to the level of a second-rate or even third-rate Power.

What the Chicago Tribune says openly and brutally, others say by their reticence and evasions. They do not believe that Britain will recover from the paralysis of Socialism.

I am sorry to write these words, but all of us, regardless of party, who love Britain and believe in her independence, destiny, should realise how she looks now, this fabulous Chicago, capital of the Middle West, the city which Al Capone and Colonel McCormick looked upon as their own, the Industrial Mecca built on the shores of a lake with beautiful parks and majestic skyline, where everyone is in a hurry, and Bert Goldberg is wanted on the phone.

SKELETON CROSSWORD

It is regretted that there is no skeleton Crossword this Saturday. This is due to a hold-up in regular supplies from London. The feature will be resumed as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, this is the Solution to last week's puzzle:

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

ANSWERS

(Questions on Page 9)

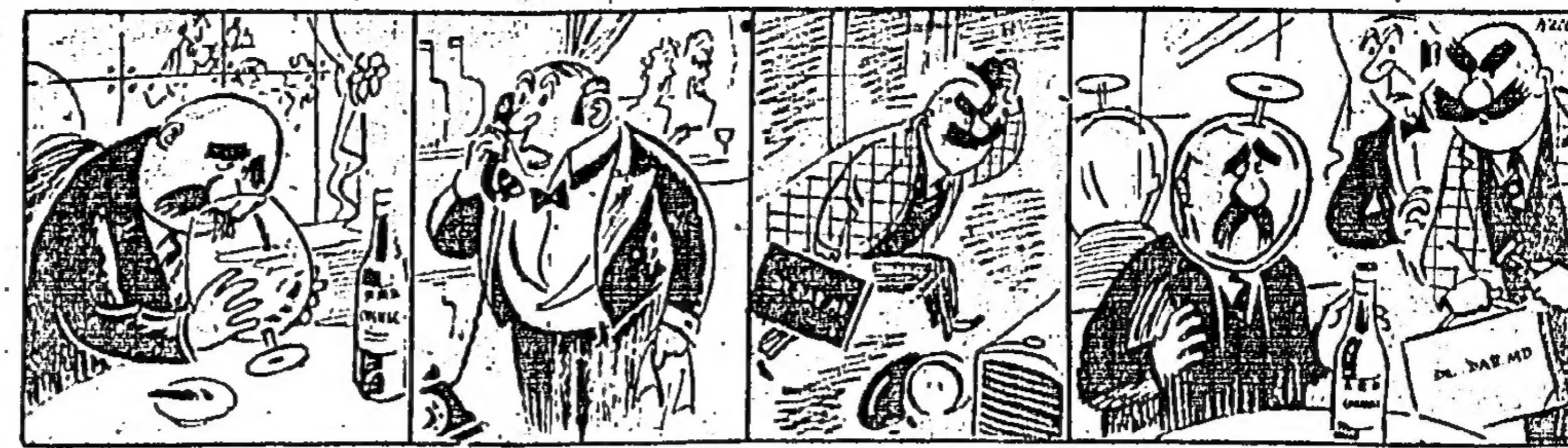
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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle:
Across: 1 and 9, Knives and forks; 3, Idealism; 10, Nell; 11, Bolo; 13, Sem; 14, Misser; 15, Woman; 17, Lock; 18, Omen; 20, Pants; 22, Marion; 24, Ankle; 25, Tare; 26, Sired; 27, Down; 1, Kinswoman; 2, Valiantly; 3, Sibilant; 5, Dee; 6, Elm; 7, Limb; 8, So-so; 9, See 1 Across; 12, Lecture; 14, Merit; 19, Mane; 20, Peat; 21, Near; 23, Fed.

DAB & FLOUNDER

by WALTER



THE PROPOSAL

A SHORT STORY

by DENIS MCCABE

"THE bloke told me to wait for the answer," said the urchin. Ruth Bernstein nodded as she took the note he passed over the shop counter.

The boy watched her unfold the single sheet and read the message. He saw her hand tremble and he noticed how a sudden flush crept up her thin, sallow face. When she looked up, her eyes glowed with a soft dreamy light.

For a moment, he scraped a bare toe on the floor, wondering how long she was going to remain in the trance.

"Well?" he demanded impatiently. "Oh!" She started back to reality. Cupid, in the strange guise of a very tattered and very dirty youngster, awaited her answer.

"You—you may tell Mr Kiley I'll meet him to-night," she said breathlessly. "And—and here's something for you."

The boy flicked the coin in the air, caught it deftly, then beamed up at her. "Gee, tar," he murmured, "I'll tell the bloke wot yer said." Next moment he was gone.

RUTH gazed around her. The shop seemed to have changed since she'd received that note. It had always been an obsession with her. She had thought of it as a dismal museum filled with relics of shattered dreams. It had always seemed to match her own drab, unromantic existence—her own unrealised dreams. Now, it was a gorgeous, enchanted cavern filled with exquisite ornament and sparkling jewels, treasures to adorn her in readiness for her very first love affair.

Presently her fond gaze returned to the message: "I must see you urgently. Be on the corner to-night at eight and make me the happiest bloke in the world, Joe Kiley." That was all. To Ruth, it was the most exciting and most eloquent love letter of all time.

Tenderly she folded it and placed it inside her dress so that it was close to her rapidly pounding heart. And then she thought of her father and his very poor opinion of Joe Kiley.

"If ever he shows his face inside my shop again, I'll have the police on him. The echo from the past came back to her. "A worthless waster... an inveterate gambler... a cheat and a liar." Further memories came of her father's rage against young men in general, and Joe Kiley in particular.

Ruth shrugged. It was her affair, not her father's. Perhaps he would alter when Joe was his son-in-law?

PROMPTLY at eight, Ruth reached the corner. Joe stepped forward eagerly.

"You—you made it." His voice was relieved.

"Good evening," said Ruth, reminding herself that she must be careful not to rush things. She had devoured thousands of articles on how to attract men, and that had always been stressed.

"Er—let's get away from here," said Joe, "your old man might be trailing you."

Ruth laughed easily. At the same moment, she shook her borrowed for so he might glimpse the sparkle of her necklace.

"Father is asleep," she said. "I made him go to bed early."

"That's great," said Joe. "Let's hope it does his liver some good. When I think of the things he called me last time—"

"Where are you taking me tonight?" she interrupted coyly.

"Oh! Er—well, that is," Joe stammered, "I'm not fussy as long as it's somewhere quiet. That's why I got the ring in the first place. I wanted to have it ready for an opportunity like this."

"How—how long have you had the ring, Joe?"

"I've had it for three years," replied Joe.

"Diamond ring! Oh, Joe!" She wriggled.

"Well," continued Joe, "Your old man don't like me, and that sort of made it tough for me to—er—er."

"Do something you wanted to do," she suggested helpfully.

"That's it," nodded Joe. "That's just it. I was—er—sort of wondering if it would make any difference to you, knowing that I'm sort of on the outer with your old man?"

"Not a scrap of difference," she cried. "What I do and what I think is my own affair. I'm over twenty-one—not much over," she added hastily, "and I'll please myself what I do."

"You—you've been engaged before?" she faltered.

"Engaged? Me!" Joe laughed.

"You get the crinkiest ideas," he went on, "when I was in Syria." Joe neglected to tell her he had won it in a swag game. It seemed an unimportant detail.

"And you—you are going to ask me to accept it?" she said softly.

"That's right," grinned Joe. "I'm so grateful for the way you're helping me."

"You've made me so happy," she sighed.

"Happy? Don't take much to cheer you up," murmured Joe. "Now here's the ring." He thrust it into her hand.

A small cloud shadowed her happiness. A pity Joe wasn't more like Clark Gable. His proposal had been so matter of fact.

"Well, what do you think of it?" Joe's query brought her back to earth.

"It's lovely," she said. "Really lovely."

"Good," grunted Joe. "I'm glad you're satisfied. Now all I want on it is two quid. I've got a certainty in the last on Saturday."

JESTS AND JEERS

A wolf is a person who knows all the tricks.

Strange names are sometimes given to racehorses, remarks a correspondent. By disappointed breakers.

For ages the two sexes have been racing for supremacy. Now they have settled down to neck and neck.

Wife: I gave you this letter to post a month ago, and I've just found it in your coat pocket.

Husband: I left the coat for you to sew a button on, and it isn't on yet.

Some motorists have had their cars for years and never had a wheel. There are others who have had their wheels for years and never had a car.

In Japan, says an American paper, popular songs live for months, and even years. Here, however, they are murdered over the radio every evening.

The stern parent had caught the young man embracing his daughter. "I only had my arm around her waist," protested the love-sick swain.

"That's where the harm will be," retorted the father.



Isles of the not so blessed

by GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

IN THE Blue Danube (Hamish Hamilton, 8s. 6d.), Ludwig Bemelmans, who has his own recipe for mixing fun, slyness and pathos, creates for his little tragi-comedy a little world of fairy tale within the iron-clad reality of Nazi Germany.

Old Anton Fischer, his two old sisters and Lent, their pretty niece, grow radishes on an island which has, regrettably, no legal existence owing to the fact that it disappears for a portion of every year beneath the waters of the river.

Have the islanders' odious' relics of a past when Germany was decent and inglorious, escaped the iron clutch of the State?

This thought preys on the happiness of Gauleiter Stolz, who contrives one stratagem after another to encompass their downfall.

In this he seeks the help of a smart officer from Dachau whom important business occasionally brings to the district.

At last, it seems, the horrible Stolz has them in his grip.

Frenchman, Bishop, Anton and all. And then things happen, one of them a miracle. For a bomber fleet is passing overhead. And sometimes bombs fall in strange places.

Does it all end happily after all? Hardly. For there is still that smart officer from Dachau . . .

Social evils

IT is not often that a British colony is chosen as the scene of a novel; when this does happen the picture is rarely flattering.

Most of the action of Mr. On Loong, Robert Standish's book (Peter Davies, 6s. 6d.), takes place on Newcastle Island, a British possession in the West Indies, populated by a great many coloured people, mostly very poor, a few white planters, mostly very greedy, some British officials, in varying degrees of perplexity, and a Chinese colony of one.

It would be wrong to imagine Newcastle Island as an earthly paradise. It is too long since the people treat him.

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The fact that Laurette has the boy appears to him a simple act of theft, an intolerable injustice which must be instantly righted.

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Children's Corner

Conducted by Uncle Peter

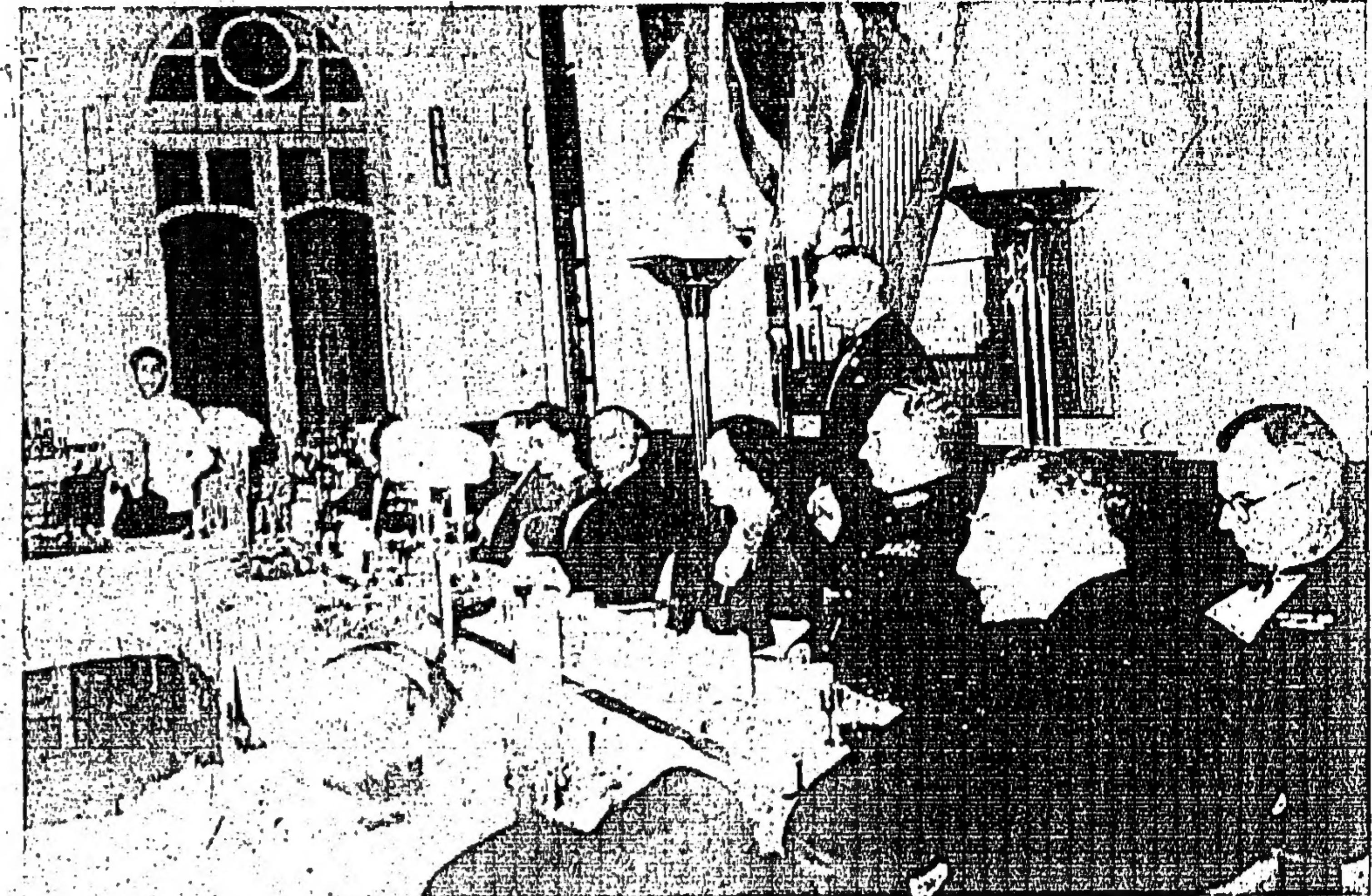
Aeromodellers

Near London there is an international centre with enormous aircraft, repair and service depots, restaurants and car parks. There is a research establishment too.

Aeromodelling rallies are held at various places from time to time. At one of these lately, a well-known member of a famous British aircraft manufacturing firm was much taken with the model flown by a schoolboy, and he chased him across the field and then had a long scientific discussion with him! Who knows? Probably that boy will be famous one day as an aircraft designer.

An exhibition of model aircraft has been arranged in London. There are genuine jets, swept-back wing fighters, flying wings, flying boats, and absolutely accurate models of everything known to Britain's aircraft industry

TELEGRAPH NEWSREEL



NOTABLE wedding of the week was that of Mr Lawrence Cyril Kotowall, only son of Sir Robert Kotowall, CMG, LLD, and Miss Constance Stella van Borgon, which took place at St John's Cathedral on Tuesday. Group taken after the ceremony. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

ST PATRICK'S DINNER—St Patrick's Day was marked last Monday for the first time since prewar. Dr J. P. Fohily, president of St Patrick's Society, is pictured addressing the gathering at the dinner in the Hongkong Hotel. HE the Governor, Sir Mark Young, and Lady Young are also seen in the picture, as are the GOC, Major-General G. W. E. J. Erskine, Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, Mr Justice E. H. Williams and Commodore D. H. Everett. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



THE CHIEF JUSTICE, Sir Henry Blackall (right) and the Presiding Judge, Mr Justice E. H. Williams, photographed at the Supreme Court recently. (Photo: New China Studio).



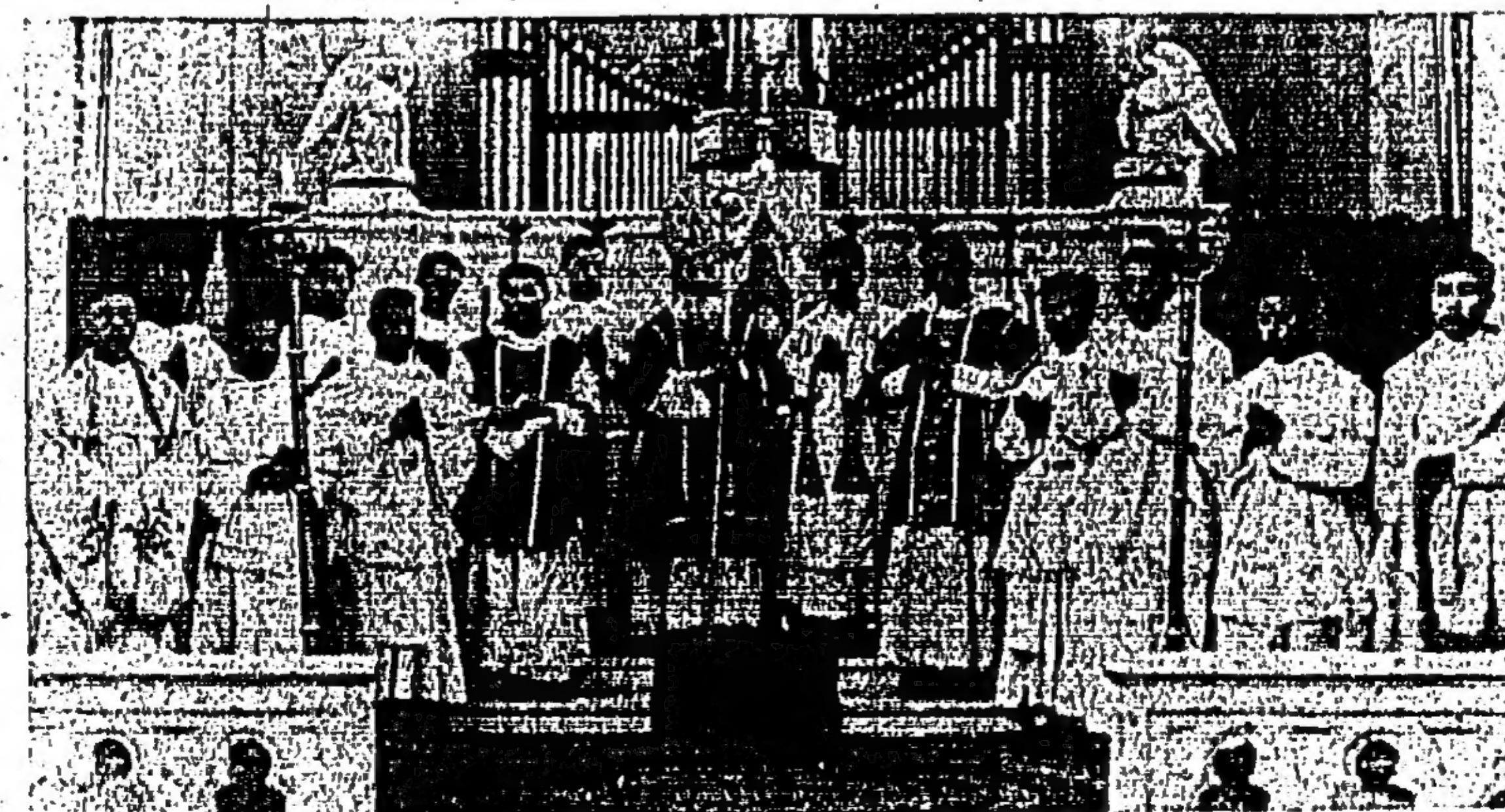
MR FREDERICK HAROLD IRVING and his bride, formerly Miss Irene Mabel Connor, photographed with their attendants and friends after their wedding at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



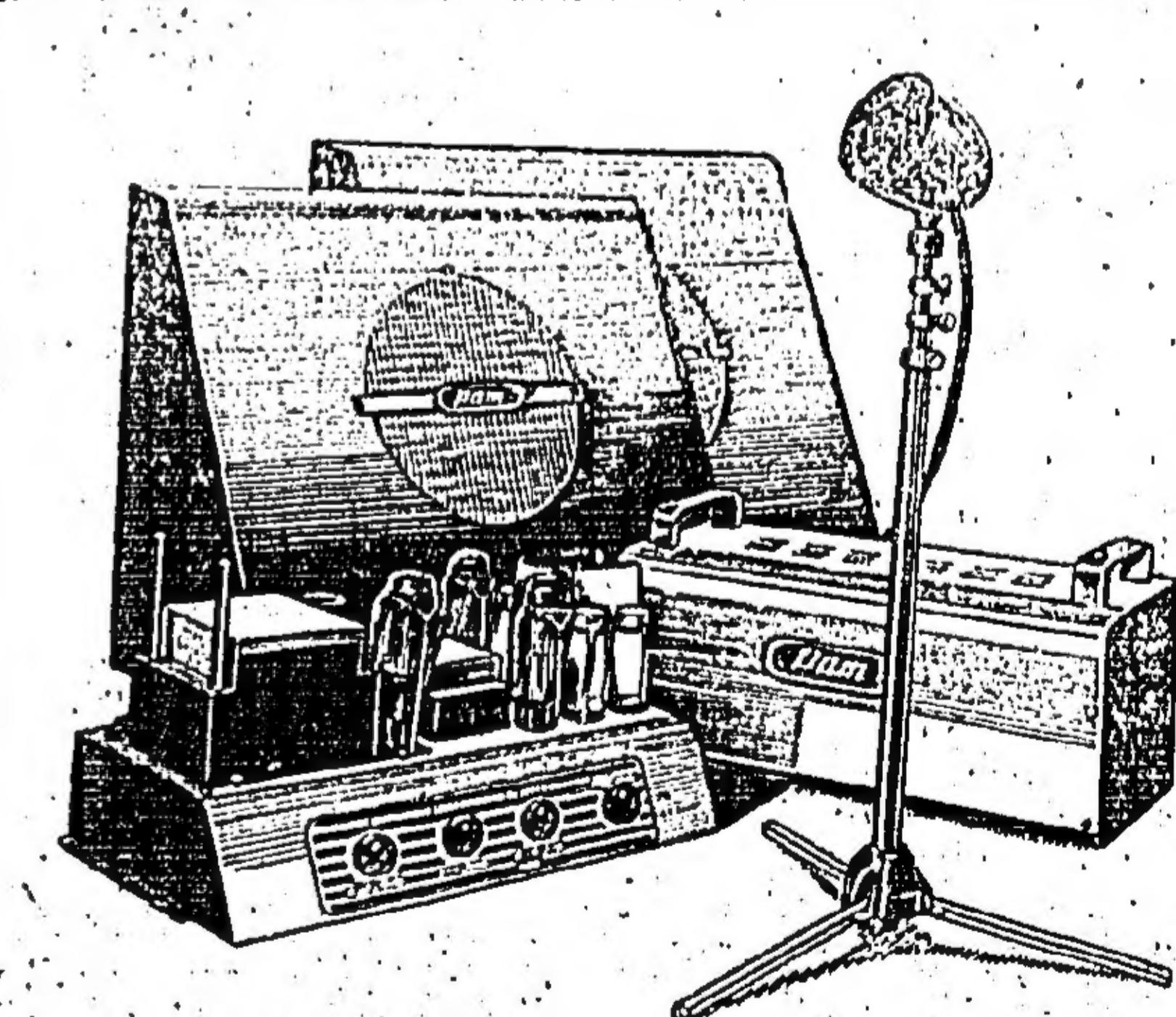
ARMY won the Memorial Cup final last week, defeating Combined Chinese by three clear goals. Members of the winning team are pictured above. On right, Major-General Erskine, General Officer Commanding, presents the cup to the Army captain, Lt Partington. (Photos: Golden Studio).



REGISTRY WEDDING—Mr Lo Wan-shiu, son of the manager of the British American Tobacco Company's Chinese distributor, Mr Lo Min-nung, and his bride, Miss Ho Shuk-woon. They were married on Monday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



ORDINATION CEREMONY—Photo taken last Sunday at Rosary Hill shows His Lordship Monsignor T. Labrador, first Archbishop of Foochow, and Dominican students on whom he conferred Orders. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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Another Illegal Immigrant Ship

Jerusalem, Mar. 21. The military authorities were reliably reported to-night to have intercepted radio signals originating somewhere in the Mediterranean, indicating that another illegal ship carrying Jewish immigrants was en route to Palestine.

A military alert was immediately prepared along the 400-mile coast belt, and Royal Air Force planes maintained constant patrols over possible landing areas.—United Press.

Three Camps In Corfu Dispute

New York, Mar. 21. The United Nations Security Council split into three camps to-day in the Corfu Channel mining dispute as the debate was resumed with the Albanian agent, M. Hysni Kapo, reiterating the Albanian Government's denial of any knowledge of the mines.

Five countries, including the United States, are reported to be ready to support the British charges that the illicit mines were placed with the knowledge of the Albanian Government. The mines damaged two British destroyers and killed 44 sailors.

France and Syria, forming a neutral bloc, may abstain from voting. Russia and Poland, in the third camp, staunchly defended Albania, blaming Britain for failure to prove the charges.

The British, anticipating a Russian veto of any Council indictment of Albania, are reportedly ready to propose that the whole matter be handed over to the International Court of Justice.

When the vote comes up, Albania will not be allowed a voice, and Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan has announced that Britain, as a party to the dispute, will also abstain.—United Press.

NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1947, at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts as at 31st December, 1946, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th to the 31st day of March, 1947 both days inclusive.

George Y. K. Sun,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1947.



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Slight Hopes Arise Of Averting French Government Crisis

Paris, Mar. 21. Hopes of an eleventh-hour settlement of the French Government crisis appeared to-night. Reports of an Indo-Chinese rebel offer to negotiate reached Paris, opening the way for a possible face-saving compromise between the Communists and other major parties.

Barring this compromise, Premier Paul Ramadier's coalition will face a showdown confidence vote in the National Assembly to-morrow, and may fall on the issue in which the Communists oppose approving 34,000,000,000 francs for the Indo-China war.

Although with the Communists abstaining, M. Ramadier is assured of a majority, he is understood to have decided to quit, thus dumping squarely on the Communists full responsibility for the major crisis.

French press dispatches from Hanoi quoted Ho Chi-minh, Viet Nam President, as declaring: "It will suffice for France to utter just one word for hostility to end."

At the same time, Tran Ngoc Dahn, head of the Viet Nam delegation in Paris, offered publicly to act as intermediary in re-opening negotiations.

Both offers were played prominently on the front page of the Communist evening newspaper, *Ce Soir*.

Whether parties besides the Communists would negotiate with them is somewhat doubtful, since both M. Ramadier and the Socialist Minister of the Colonies, M. Marius Moutet, have repeatedly denounced them in harsh terms.

Thorez Voted Down

One major development in the crisis is the serious split in Communist ranks in the last three days. The Communist Party's Secretary-General, Maurice Thorez, and four Communist Ministers are known to have advised against provoking a situation that could rip the Government apart.

They were voted down by only a small margin—reportedly four—in the Communist Directing Committee which met on Wednesday night.

Thorez is now regarded differently by most of the party, and the party line is being dictated by Jacques Duclos, hard-line leader of the Communist Parliamentary group.

In final showdowns in the past, the French Communist Party has always turned to Moscow for arbitration in its internal differences and maintained outward signs of solidarity, but there seems to be little doubt that at the moment Thorez and other Cabinet Ministers are left far behind the rest of the Party.

If no last-minute compromise materialises, M. Ramadier may resign to-morrow evening. From there on, there is the wildest disagreement about what may happen.—United Press.

FIFTH AVENUE HERMIT FOUND DEAD IN BED

Brother Said Missing

New York, Mar. 21. One of Manhattan's famed "hermits of Fifth Avenue"—the Collyer brothers—was found dead to-day in their dilapidated mansion. The other brother is missing from the locked house.

The police used a ladder and broke through a second-story window to enter the old Upper Fifth Avenue house.

They found Homer Collyer—who had been a blind and paralysed recluse for the past 25 years—dead in bed, apparently for several days.

Homer had never left the house since a third brother died in 1923. Rangley customarily left only at night and then to buy food.

In the mansion the brothers had amassed a fantastic collection of antiques, including 12 pianos. Orange crates were scattered everywhere. A neighbourhood grocer said the brothers lived almost entirely on oranges and peanut butter sandwiches.

The police decided to search the house when the grocer reported that Rangley had failed to appear to buy food for several nights.—United Press.

U.S. Ambassador To Siam Named

Washington, Mar. 21. Mr. Edwin F. Stanton has been nominated by President Truman as the first United States Ambassador to Siam.

Mr. Stanton is now serving as United States Minister at Bangkok.—Reuter.

Agreement On Wheat Sought

London, Mar. 21. Agreement on the desirability of concluding an international wheat agreement has been expressed by all the delegates who have spoken so far at the international wheat conference being held in London.

A communiqué to-day stated that representatives of 23 countries out of 39 had so far spoken, including four of the Big Five—Canada, United States, Australia and Britain.

Sir Gerald Calison, chairman of the conference, told a press conference that the Argentine had not yet sent instructions to its delegate. It was safe to conclude that the delegates who had not spoken were also in agreement.

The conference is continuing its work in two committees which are preparing the texts for later discussion in the plenary session.

"We are hoping to get the draft completed by Palm Sunday (March 30)," Sir Gerald said. "There is pretty general agreement that it will come into effect fairly soon."—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE FIGURES SHOW INCREASING EXPORTS TO USSR

London, Mar. 21. Europe is again becoming a good customer for export-minded Britain.

But Empire markets—exclusive of UNRRA shipments—absorbed most goods in 1946 and British India tops the customer list.

Statistics for 1946 published to-day by the Board of Trade showing the value of Britain's external trade to individual countries disclosed that Russia, with whom Britain has been seeking a trade agreement, is already making itself felt as a good buyer.

The figures do not reflect variations involved but only in value.

British markets took £450,000,000 worth of British goods in 1946, while foreign markets took £462,000,000. Both categories were practically double those of 1938. Elimination of UNRRA shipments from the foreign market category put the British market in the lead by £20,000,000.

About 30 percent of British exports, the Board of Trade reported, went to France and northern Europe, while in 1938 Denmark took £47,000,000, Eric £39,500,000, France £24,300,000 and the Netherlands £20,000,000.

Rubber Shipment

Complete figures for the year on exports to Russia were not given, the Board merely reporting that they jumped from £68,000 to £5,319,000 in the last quarter. Russian buying is continuing in 1947.

The Board reported in another announcement to-day that

Sagging Overseas Income Has Hollywood Worried

Hollywood, Mar. 21. Movie czar Eric Johnston to-day created two new boards to help the American movie industry to get the most out of admittedly "sick" foreign markets.

Warning that the income from overseas was in jeopardy due to the world conditions, Mr. Johnston urged the industry to avoid film material which might be objectionable to foreign nations.

Mexico and Spain recently protested against Hollywood's traditional propensity to use their nationals as "villains" in westerns.

Mr. Johnston also recommended fewer scenes showing excessive food consumption because of its effect on world opinion.—United Press.

Destruction Of Antarctic Supplies Causes Dispute

New York, Mar. 21.

Three nations—Britain, Chile and the United States—are involved to-day in a dispute concerning the destruction of the Antarctic supply base in Marguerite Bay, Graham Land, left by the U.S. 1939 mission, which the British Foreign Office upon evidence uncovered by the American explorer, Commander Finn Ronne, blamed on the Chilean naval Antarctic expedition.

The Chilean Government last night countered with a denial of Chilean guilt, and hinted the British may have done the damage because they were there when the Chileans arrived.

Cdr. Ronne had reported merely that some one had "raided, sacked and looted" the huts and supplies left by the American expedition in the region, which it claimed by Chile, Britain and Argentina, none of whose claims the United States is willing to recognise.

The British accusation created a sensation in Santiago, with the newspapers featuring it under front-page banner headlines. It brought a strongly-worded note from Chilean Defence Minister Manuel Bulnes, who issued a communiqué saying the damage was caused before the Chileans arrived.

Chilean Communiqué

He did not say flatly the British were responsible for the damage, but such an implication could be read between the lines of the communiqué, which said:

1. The British officers, when on Chilean vessels arrived, were on

2. When the U.S. supply base they round impressive disorder, destruction and profiteering. They received the impression that other persons had previously entered the store huts since the doors were wide open and the protective padlocks or canvas covers destroyed.

3. The Commander of the frigate *Iquique* expressly warned the crew that nothing should be used or taken for fear of infection.

In conclusion, the Minister denies the tenacious stories and profoundly asserts that such stories which "blacken the immediate prestige of our navy should have been published in the press of a friendly country as coming from the authorities of that country!"—United Press.

WAVELL SAYS GOODBYE

New Delhi, Mar. 21. Viscount Wavell bade a soldier's farewell to India in a radio broadcast here to-day.

Making his last public address as Viceroy of India, Lord Wavell said he believed the stability of the Indian Army would be a decisive factor in India's future.

He said he was conscious of the mistakes he had made, but "I have always worked hard for the advancement of India to self-rule. I am a soldier. My words of fare must well be that of a soldier's."

Lord Wavell's voice wavered: "This is a short personal message to the people to India, to say goodbye and farewell. God be with you and fare you well. These words come from my heart, for I owe much to India where I spent more than 13 years of my life. I shall be glad if during my Viceregal years I have done anything to repay India for those happy years."

He paid tribute to Viscount Mountbatten: "My successor is a great leader and I can assure you of his goodwill towards India. You have difficult years ahead, but you will overcome them."—United Press.

OUTWARD MAIRS

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RAIN HOLDS UP FLAT RACING

London, Mar. 22.

The three-day Lincoln race meeting, which opens the flat racing season, is threatened because parts of the course are flooded.

It was officially announced on Friday that Monday's programme had been abandoned, and a decision would be made on Saturday regarding the chief race—the one mile Lincolnshire handicap due to run next Wednesday.—Associated Press.

CONSUL IN JEEP ACCIDENT

Grenoble, Mar. 21.

Mr. Robert Wood Brighton, United States Vice-Consul at Munich, was to-night reported to be suffering severe concussion as a result of an accident early to-day, in which he was driving ran off the highway near a gap 40 miles south-east of here and overturned twice.

—United Press.

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